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Dear Mr. Moussa,

Thank you for your letter of March 4, 2022, relaying your concerns regarding the rights of children with disabilities and their parents to receive a fair hearing before an impartial officer on matters involving the child's education. I appreciate your advocacy on this important issue.

I can assure you that the New York State Catholic Conference, which advocates in Albany on behalf of me and my brother Bishops, is aware of the issue and is fully supportive of Assembly Member Eichenstein's bill (A9287) to address the matter. The Conference is working to get it enacted, either as stand-alone legislation or as part of the State Budget.

Thank you for standing up for children with disabilities and their families. We are always supportive of the rights of parents to direct their children's education.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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