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"As a 17 year veteran, with great scores on both state exams and observations, I am dumbfounded in the disrespect shown towards teachers in NYS. The Orwellian tone that has descended from both DC and Albany towards my profession has literally destroyed the love of learning in schools K-12. Additionally the roll out in NYS was embarrassing and the exams and lesson/modules offered on EngageNY are a joke, everyone I know that was forced to use them had to spend hours making them work in an actual classroom! My lessons are 10x better than what I have seen, if you come to my classroom I can show you an engaging lesson. Maybe instead of attacking teachers, you empower good teachers, like me to mentor new/developing teachers and maybe even evaluate them. Lets solve the problem with all stakeholders, public schools are the last hope for a democracy, if we can still call ourselves one!"