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Governor, I am an HONORED military wife. I have supported my family while my husband Was deployed. And when I say supported I do not mean waiting on his military pay. My husband was deployed during the Governmental " shut down". He was half way around the world supporting his country 7 days a week and paid for 3. I listened to my son cry nightly for his dad and found my son many mornings talking on FaceTime to his father who was half way around the world. I work full time outside the home, full time inside my home keeping the children fed, clothes clean and homework completed. Although I consider our family fortunate to be military and American. I felt hardship, fear and was sure to teach my children about current events. Praying for health and safety for everyone. Regardless of ethnicity.

Mr. Governor, you had no control over our nations involvement in the Mid East. But you DO have say in our current educational curriculum for NYS. Did you know a 3rd grade reading requirement is " The Librarian of Basra" ? Take a look into this reading requirement. While you read think back to being 8 years old . It is truly inappropriate! This reading is repulsive at this age level. It is offensive to our country's military troops and their family. It is just one more low blow for Common Core.

It makes absolutely no sense that kindergarteners can't watch Bugs Bunny because of Elmer's "hunting accessories", second graders are sent home if they wear a zombie apocalypse shirt because it displays vulgar taste...But third graders are required to read this piece of bound offensive propaganda... Please look into this. I have faith you will find this as repulsive and inappropriate for our 3 rd grade children.