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Via First Class Mail and Electronic Mail Brian Murphy Countering Violent Extremism Section Office of Community Partnership Federal Bureau of Investigation 935 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20004 Brian.J.Murphy@ic.fbi.gov

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am writing on behalf of the National Education Association ("NEA"), the nation's largest professional employee organization with over 3 million members who are employed by public schools and colleges throughout the United States as educators and as education support professionals. NEA has learned of a new Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) program, the "Don't Be a Puppet" program for schools, and we are concerned of its potential impacts on our members and the school environment.

The NEA is dedicated to advancing the cause of public education and ensuring that our nation's schools provide equal access and opportunity for all our students through, among other things, the elimination of discrimination in schools, creating school environments free from bullying, and ending the school-to-prison pipeline. What we have learned about the "Don't Be a Puppet" program raises concerns that the program could lead to increased racial/ethnic profiling, discrimination against, and bullying of Arab and Muslim students, as well as unnecessary reporting of students to law enforcement. In addition, it appears that the program treats teachers as an extension of law enforcement and could adversely impact the learning environment in the classroom.

Because of how this program could impact educators and our students, NEA would like to meet with you to review the program in detail. We look forward to meeting with you to provide the educator perspective and to discuss the program and our concerns.

Alice O'Brien
General Counsel

Sincerely