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MEMO TO: All Buffalo Teachers

FROM: Philip Rumore, President, BTF

RE: Zephyr Teachout – To Challenge Governor Cuomo

Governor Cuomo will be challenged in the Democratic Primary by:

Zephyr Teachout, Fordham Constitutional Law Professor and Organizer, and;
Timothy Wu, author, policy advocate and law professor at Columbia Law

Zephyr Teachout is the candidate that should have received the Working Families Party endorsement. Both Zephyr and Tim are outstanding candidates.

In just two weeks, they have put together an impressive staff and have a website in formation, (www.zephyrteachout.com).

The excitement of a Democratic Primary against Governor Cuomo is growing across New York State.

As you can imagine, the Governor and his anti-union, anti-teacher billionaires are going to use their billions to try to stop them and have them kept from the ballot by challenging their petitions and any other devious means available.

The BTF Executive Committee and Council of Delegates voted unanimously “To work with the Zephyr Teachout campaign to circulate petitions to obtain a place on the ballot for her in the Democratic Primary.”

You can help by circulating petitions to get Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu on the ballot by;

- Downloading copies of the directions for circulating petitions and the petitions themselves. See [Petitioning Instructions](#) and [Designation Petition](#).

As you know, it is important to complete petitions exactly as instructed. The Cuomo campaign will be challenging every one of the signatures.

- Circulating them to your friends for their signatures. Remember, they must be registered Democrats and you must personally witness each signature. (See instructions) We have been advised that you should only ask your colleagues at school to sign petitions before or after school hours.
- We will be mailing petitions and prepaid envelopes to your Delegate Chairs.

Please complete them and send them back to us ASAP.

You may also deliver them to the BTF. Put them in the mail slot if after hours or on weekends. **DO NOT USE THE PONY.**

If you need more petitions, you can obviously make copies or call BTF and we will mail them to you.

With your help, we will get Zephyr Teachout and Tim Wu on the ballot and send a strong message to the Governor, who among other issues, wanted a “Death Penalty” for what he considered failing schools instead of sentencing failing bureaucracies and people who have never taught a day but are making decisions affecting teaching and learning.

Let's do it!!

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