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The OEA will lead the way for continuous improvement of public education while advocating for members and the learners they serve.

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Terry Braverman
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Dear Mr. Braverman:

On behalf of the more than 131,000 OEA members, thank you for bringing closure as keynote speaker to the Ohio Education Association's 2004 leadership development conference. Having focused for three days on the conference theme, *Great Public Schools for Every Child: Protecting This Promise for All*, participants appreciated your jokes of reform efforts imposed by non-educators, particularly the so-called "No Child Left Behind Act." The impersonations and PowerPoint cartoons offered variety that often is lacking in closing speeches. And, because the difficult work of education should also be fun, we appreciated your suggestions on how to bring humor and joy into our lives.

Best wishes. We anticipate that more educators and professionals from related fields will be hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Gary L. Allen
President

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