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To the editor,

The Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress has joined with a coalition of disability-rights organizations to condemn the new film "Tropic Thunder," which contains damaging and hurtful hate speech about individuals who have intellectual disabilities.

We are asking our neighbors here in Connecticut to boycott this film and not purchase any of the related merchandise that will soon be available in stores.

One of the most unfortunate consequences of this movie is the distribution of merchandise that displays offensive lines like "never go full retard" on clothing and other items that students may bring to school.

We believe that exhibiting such merchandise to our children in school interferes with their public education and we respectfully request that schools prohibit the presence of all such items in accordance with Connecticut's laws and regulations regarding bullying in schools. Furthermore, we believe that any intimidating speech directed at specific students in face-to-face confrontations must be punished.

Our neighbors who have intellectual or cognitive disabilities deserve our respect and support, not the demeaning slurs that are featured in this film.

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