**DATE**

Dear Representative or Senator **NAME**,

I am writing to urge you to VOTE NO on SB37: Minimum Basic Tax Rate Amendments. This bill poses a significant threat to the financial stability of our public schools and strips local communities of their ability to determine education funding priorities.

**Why Oppose SB37?**

**Lack of Transparency**

* SB37 was proposed without meaningful input from local school districts or the communities they serve.
* It diverts locally raised property tax dollars into the state’s general fund, meaning these funds could be spent on anything, not just education.
* Local taxpayers deserve to know that their money will support schools, not unrelated state programs.

**Destabilizing Education Funding**

* Public education has historically relied on property tax revenue, a stable and predictable source of funding.
* SB37 eliminates this crucial foundation, leaving schools reliant solely on income tax—the most volatile and unreliable revenue source.

**Undermining Local Schools & Boards**

* Public education funding should be a partnership between local school boards and the state. SB37 dismantles this partnership.
* By removing school boards from the funding process, they become mere service providers rather than decision-makers.
* Communities lose control over their schools, while the state consolidates power over education funding.

**Take Action Now!**

* I urge you to stand up for local control and stable education funding by voting NO on SB37.
* Please listen to your constituents and protect the ability of local school boards to have a say in education funding.

Our schools and students deserve a stable, transparent, and community-driven funding system. SB37 fails to provide that. Please VOTE NO to protect public education in our state.

Sincerely,

**YOUR NAME**