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The Honorable Michael R. Pence
Governor, State of Indiana
200 W. Washington Street
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The Honorable Brian C. Bosma
Speaker of the House, State of Indiana
200 W. Washington Street
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The Honorable Sue Ellspermann
Lieutenant Governor, State of Indiana
200 W. Washington Street
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The Honorable David C. Long
President Pro Tempore, State of Indiana
200 W. Washington Street
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Dear Governor Pence, Lieutenant Governor Ellspermann, Speaker of the House Bosma, and President Pro Tempore Long:

The Valparaiso Community School Board of Trustees ("VCS") appreciates the efforts of the State of Indiana in attracting and retaining quality jobs. These jobs strengthen our economy, making more funds available for education and will be the 21st Century jobs held by Hoosier children.

However, advancing this priority cannot come at the expense of public education. VCS, and all other school corporations, has seen a significant decrease in its operating and other funds. There cannot be further reductions.


If Indiana modifies or eliminates the Business Personal Property Tax, it cannot come at the expense of education. VCS strongly believes that before any measure affecting the Business Personal Property Tax is adopted, a dollar-for-dollar, stable, predictable, and equitable replacement tax must be in place.

Thank you for looking out for our children, Indiana's most treasured asset.

Sincerely,

Mark T. Maassel
President, Board of School Trustees

in absentia signature by:

Michael J. Berta, Jr., Ed. S. 
Superintendent of Schools, VCS