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Dear Mayor:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Taxpayers Union about a pressing issue making its way through the Senate. President Obama and Congress are currently debating a federal renewable energy standards (RES) mandate. The National Taxpayers Union is working to make sure local leaders understand the grave consequences Indiana will face if this legislation is passed.

I am reaching out to leaders and elected officials throughout the state to sign a multi-signature letter addressed to Indiana's federal delegation so that our key policymakers are aware of the opposition for federally enforced RES.

RES is a regulatory policy that requires electricity providers to obtain a minimum percentage of their power from renewable energy resources. The White House web site announced President Obama's plan to ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025. President Obama believes that mandating this RES will "boost the renewable energy sector and ... has the potential to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs on its own" when in fact, it is the opposite for states like Indiana.

A "one-size-fits-all" approach will inherently disadvantage some state economies more than others. A Federal RES would tax states lacking access to renewable resources – states like Indiana. Consumers would experience a hike in electricity costs and it will cost as much as \$758 billion to create the necessary infrastructure to meet these mandates and could cause a wealth transfer among states while imposing new burdens on the reliability of the nation's electric grid.

I have included more information on RES and how a federal mandate will directly impact Indiana. On behalf of the National Taxpayers Union, I hope that you will join us and other elected officials in our fight against RES by signing the enclosed letter.

Since Congress is currently debating this legislation, I ask that you please send me a signed copy of this enclosed at your earliest convenience. Once all of the signatures have been compiled on one letter, I will send you a final copy for your records.

If you choose to lend your signature to this cause, please fax a signed copy of the enclosed letter to (317) 644-1530. If you would like discuss this issue further, please do not hesitate to contact me at (317) 644-1532 or jrichardson@perituspr.com.

Kindly,

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