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**House Ways and Means Committee**

**HB 1 - Opponent Testimony**

**[School District Name], [County or Counties]**

**[Your Name], [Title]**

**March \_\_\_, 2023**

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Merrin, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on House Bill (HB) 1.

My name is [Your Name] and I serve as the [Title] for the [School District Name] in [County or Counties]. The [School District Name] . . . . [***provide any relevant details on type of district (rural, suburban, etc.), size (in square miles, number of schools, etc.), number of students served, etc***.]

[School District Name] opposes HB 1 because it results in a significant tax increase for residential and agricultural taxpayers, as well as a loss in local tax revenue for schools and local governments. According to the Fiscal Note from the Legislative Service Commission (LSC), the following changes will occur from a statewide perspective as a result of HB 1:

· $929 million annual ***tax increase*** for residential and agricultural property taxpayers;

· $157 million annual ***tax decrease*** for business and commercial property taxpayers; and

· $538 million annual ***decrease in local tax revenues*** for schools and local governments.

The specific fiscal impact of HB 1 on [School District Name] is . . . ***[Insert details specific to your district related to the local impact. Please use the HB 1 calculator or other helpful resources to help summarize the impact and attach as an exhibit to your testimony.. Keep in mind that you can keep your testimony short by referring to the exhibit. Focus on the impact as it relates to our local share and your ability to raise necessary funding going forward. ]***

Chair Roemer and members of the committee, thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have at this time.

***[Two things to keep in mind***: 1) Re-word content to meet your own speaking style, it will flow more naturally for you as you speak. Also, we don’t want everyone’s testimony to look like a cut-and-paste. 2) Add any other relevant information you think will strengthen the arguments.]