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[School Board Members]

[School Board Address]

[School Board City/State/ZIP]

To the Members of the [County/City] School Board:

On September 29, 2021, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) wrote a letter¹ to President Biden “on behalf of our state associations and the more than 90,000 school board members who govern our country’s 14,000 local public school districts educating more than 50 million school children.”

The letter asked, “that the federal government investigate, intercept, and prevent the current threats and acts of violence against our public school officials through existing statutes, executive authority, interagency and intergovernmental task forces, and other extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of our children and educators, to protect interstate commerce, and to preserve public school infrastructure and campuses.”

Citing examples of public opposition to policies and procedures currently debated before school boards and other governmental bodies across the country, “NSBA specifically solicits the expertise and resources of the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Secret Service, and its National Threat Assessment Center regarding the level of risk to public schoolchildren, educators, board members, and facilities/campuses. We also request the assistance of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service to intervene against threatening letters and cyberbullying attacks that have been transmitted to students, school board members, district administrators, and other educators.”

The letter characterized parental involvement in school board meetings as “the equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism and hate crimes.”

As a citizen of [COUNTY/DISTRICT], a taxpayer and voter, I have the following questions:

- Does the Board agree with NSBA that the involvement of federal law enforcement agencies is required to maintain order at our local school board meetings?
- Does the Board agree with NSBA that parental involvement and opposition to school board policies is “equivalent to a form of domestic terrorism”?
- Does the [insert STATE] School Boards Association agree with the letter from NSBA?
- Does this school board participate with NSBA and/or [insert STATE] School Boards Association? How much are the dues, tuition fees, conference fees, and other expenses associated with membership in either organization?
- Does the Board plan to continue its affiliation with these groups?
- Does the NSBA speak for this Board?

As a taxpayer and parent, I suggest that membership groups like the School Boards Association are an unnecessary drain on resources that could instead be directed toward the classroom for the benefit of

¹ <https://www.nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/nsba-letter-to-president-biden-concerning-threats-to-public-schools-and-school-board-members-92921.pdf?bcs-agent-scanner=620197a2-41ab-eb41-8204-16999e1ef4f7>

our county's students and teachers. Groups like the NSBA are not accountable to parents and taxpayers in the same way local and state school boards are accountable.

I am available to meet with you about these concerns at your convenience. I look forward to your response to the questions above. Thank you for the work you do on behalf of our community's children and parents.

Sincerely,

[signature]

[mailing address and contact information]