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RESOLUTION

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MUNCIE  
OPPOSING INDIANA SENATE BILL 1**

WHEREAS, state leaders and lawmakers have advocated and proposed legislation in the 2025 legislative session that will reduce residential and business personal property bills for homeowners and businesses and change the calculation of these tax liabilities; and

WHEREAS, while homeowners deserve affordable tax bills and adequate public services in exchange, the proposals garnering the most attention would have significant and negative impact on municipal taxing units; and

WHEREAS, while a local income tax increase could be considered and serve as a helpful tool for some local government units, it is not at all adequate to replace the magnitude of what is being eliminated, which would make it a necessity rather than an option; and

WHEREAS, the income tax increase is the only alternative proposed by lawmakers, but the homeowners who these property tax measures endeavor to assist will be among the same individuals paying a potential increased income tax, making businesses the only recipient of the property tax cuts; and

WHEREAS, those individuals who do not own their own home would see a tax increase; and

WHEREAS, if the proposed property tax measures are adopted, the City of Muncie will be forced to make significant reductions to services currently provided by the City of Muncie; and

WHEREAS, the added financial stress the measures being considered will put on the City of Muncie department budgets will render it difficult to finance new development, thereby sending Indiana and the City of Muncie several steps back in the efforts to attract and retain a talented workforce; and

WHEREAS, these unprecedented cuts in government services are being proposed when, despite the success of Community Crossings, municipalities and counties are imploring legislators to at least preserve the status quo in terms of road funding so as not to compound the well-documented, high percentage of Hoosier roads that continue to be in less than satisfactory condition; and

WHEREAS, as of this date the statewide local impact of the primary tax-related bills would cause widespread negative effects, increase tax burdens on individuals, while offering even more relief to businesses in an already business tax-friendly state; and

WHEREAS, the impact of these significant real property and business personal property tax cuts will result in the City of Muncie losing significant tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the impact of Senate Bill 1 would eliminate funding on top of the annual loss of revenue associated with constitutional property tax caps; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. The Common Council of the City of Muncie opposes any tax policy or legislation that significantly reduces income to local units of government without a corresponding replacement revenue stream implemented by the State of Indiana, thereby ensuring that City of Muncie's ability to provide essential services in accordance with the expectations of its citizens is not harmed now and into the future.

Section 2. This resolution shall become effective upon the date of passage.

Passed by the Common Council of the City of Muncie, Indiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

	Yeas	Nays	Abstained	Absent
Jeff Green	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nora Powell	_____	_____	_____	_____
Brandon Garrett	_____	_____	_____	_____
Sara Gullion	_____	_____	_____	_____
Jerry D. Dishman	_____	_____	_____	_____
Harold Mason	_____	_____	_____	_____
Dale Basham	_____	_____	_____	_____
William McIntosh	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ro Selvey	_____	_____	_____	_____

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President, Common Council

