Dear Legislator,

Teachers have long understood that any cut to the income tax is a cut to education. We view the current tax reform proposal no differently.

We believe it is dangerous to pass a major tax reform bill, especially one that includes a $635 million cut to the income tax, until the legislature can demonstrate with certainty how the change will impact public education funding.

We strongly oppose any cuts to the income tax or tax restructuring without a firm plan to simultaneously address the critical funding needs of public education. That education plan must provide a path to support critical student needs such as reducing class sizes, providing high-quality early learning opportunities and addressing our severe teacher shortage, just to name a few.

As always, if you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to working with you to develop a funding plan that supports our students, our teachers and our schools.

Sincerely,

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