Petition in Support Significant Reduction of the Education Portion of Property Taxes for 2009

To the Honourable Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan in legislature assembled:

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the Province of Saskatchewan humbly showeth:

That property tax reduction is needed by Saskatchewan families as they are strained by increasing costs of living such as housing, utilities, food and gas, and;

That property tax reduction is recognized as a priority for the business community, and;

That the education sector values a significant funding increase from the provincial government, and;

That renters need relief and that reducing the expenses of those owning rental properties should allow a transfer of this reduction to renters and act as incentive to increase new rental housing supply, and;

That a tax on capital, such as property tax, is not a desirable form for taxation, and;

That the implementation of property tax reassessment will be realized by property owners in 2009 and that the negative impacts should be mitigated through broad-based relief, and;

That the Saskatchewan Party Government has the financial resources and circumstances, with billions of dollars of surplus and a booming provincial economy, to offer this relief.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your Honorable Legislative Assembly may be pleased to cause the government to stop withholding and to provide significant, sustainable, long-term property tax relief to property owners by 2009, through significantly increasing the provincial portion of education funding.

And, as in duty bound, your petitioners will ever pray.

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