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VIA U.S. MAIL

RE: County Assessor and Auditor Data Compliance

Dear President and Members of the Newton County Board of Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work in achieving compliance with the Department of Local Government Finance's ("Department") data standards. I particularly want to thank Lester Moore, County Assessor and Patricia Carlson, County Auditor for Newton County's recent data submission to the Department in response to this letter.

Because the highest priority datasets are now compliant, the Department will release Newton County's 2007 budget order, if held, and continue processing the pending 2007 debt issues, such as construction projects and emergency loans. Also as a result of the county's timely submission, the Department will not withhold Newton County's property tax replacement credit ("PTRC") at this time.

I would like to congratulate Newton County for being the one of the first counties to achieve compliance with both top-priority and historical datasets. The importance of county compliance with the Department's data requests has never been more crucial. Governor Daniels and the Indiana General Assembly are conducting an in-depth analysis of the property tax system in our state. To continue this analysis, and as an important policy-making tool, obtaining full and accurate datasets from each county is crucial for the success of these efforts.

Counties may check the status of each dataset by accessing the statewide data status spreadsheet, which is updated weekly, on the Department's website at <http://www.in.gov/dlgf/rates/>.

As a reminder, all data submissions should be directed to Diane Powers, Director, Fiscal and Management Analysis, Indiana Legislative Services Agency at dpowers@iga.in.gov. I appreciate your continued hard work in ensuring that Newton County becomes compliant with all data submission statutes and regulations. Working together, we can provide a fair and equitable system for all Indiana taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Cheryl A.W. Musgrave
Commissioner

CC: General Assembly
County Auditor
County Assessor
County Council Members
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