

**STEUBEN COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATION
OF PERCENTAGES INCLUDED IN REFERENDUM QUESTION**

To: Department of Local Government Finance ("DLGF"):

I, Kelli Johnson, am the Auditor of Steuben County, Indiana as of the date hereof. I have received a request on behalf of the governing body of the Hamilton Community Schools (the "School Corporation") to determine the percentages to be included in the form of the ballot question for a referendum pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-46-1-10.

I have referred to the Memoranda by the DLGF dated May 27, 2021, regarding the Legislative Changes to Property Tax Referenda and Property Tax Referendum Calculations.

I have used the maximum tax rate provided by the School Corporation of \$0.44.

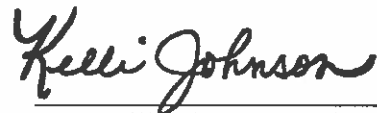
I have determined that the following percentages should be included in the form of the question provided by the School Corporation:

- A. Original estimated average percentage of property tax increase on a residence of 139.44%, and
- B. Original estimated average percentage of property tax increase on a business of 130.10%.

As requested by the DLGF, I have attached to this certification my data and worksheets used for the purposes of the calculations.

Dated: February 3, 2025

STEUBEN COUNTY AUDITOR



Kelli Johnson, Auditor

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