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Dear Executive Director Wotruba,

We the undersigned members of the Michigan Legislature request your prompt attention to the matter regarding the September 29th letter from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) to the Biden Administration. We are deeply concerned about the future of education in Michigan.

Due to the message of disrespect toward parents and the request for action against them from the NSBA, we urge the Michigan Association of School Boards to immediately withdraw membership and affiliation with the NSBA.

While the NSBA has recently scrambled to apologize for its offensive letter to the Department of Justice (DOJ), new developments reveal NSBA officials coordinated with White House and DOJ officials for weeks to iron out the details of the letter before it was officially published. Knowing this backstory, their apology was clearly insincere. Contrary to their talking points, this letter does represent the views and the will of the NSBA.

The resulting memo that followed this letter directed the DOJ to collaborate with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and federal, state, and local law enforcement to probe and potentially prosecute parents as "domestic terrorists." The NSBA letter falsely claimed school boards were "under immediate threat" from attendees and parents at local meetings across the United States. The memo also referred to parents and stakeholders as "extremist hate organizations showing up at school board meetings." These ridiculous accusations cannot be allowed to represent the views of the Michigan Association of School Boards.

Parents deserve better than this from their local schools. The NSBA's view of them as "domestic terrorists" is offensive to millions of Michigan families who are properly invested in their children's lives. There is simply no evidence to justify that accusation, and the MASB cannot hold on to it.

Michigan legislators receive the same visits, calls, texts, messages on social media, e-mails, and other communications from parents who are tired of losing control over their child's education. Their concerns

are justified. Parents should be the primary decision makers in their children's education, and school boards should never dismiss their input as terrorist extremism.

Several states, including nearby Ohio and Pennsylvania, have already voted to withdraw their membership. Many other states are moving to do the same. We believe that ending MASB's membership and affiliation with the NSBA is in the best interest of all involved, especially our most important stakeholders, Michigan students and parents.

We the undersigned stand unequivocally with the students and parents of Michigan and call for our MASB to immediately withdraw from the NSBA.



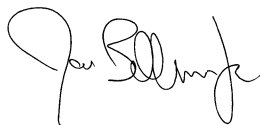
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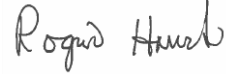
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