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### **Vote No on Knox Community Schools' Property Tax Increase Referendum!**

CHICAGO—Taxpayers United of America (TUA) is working with taxpayers in Indiana's Knox Community School District to oppose the district's property-tax-increase referendum that will appear on the district's May 7, 2013 ballot.

"This referendum is a money grab for the bureaucrats of the Knox government schools," said Jim Tobin, TUA president. "Homeowners are being hit-up for a property tax increase to fund a new building that just isn't necessary."

"The average value of a home in Starke County is \$99,400, so this referendum, if passed, would increase such a home's annual real estate tax bill by about \$279 every year."

"It's amazing that even with the decline in property values, resulting in homeowners losing a significant portion of their assets, the Knox Community School bureaucrats still want a sizeable increase in property taxes to build their work-palace."

"Eighty-percent of government-school revenues go to salaries and benefits of these government employees for their nine-months-a-year employment. An increase in property taxes will not help students, but it will keep funds available to well-to-do teachers and administrators for their lavish pay and benefits."

"Taxpayers in Knox Community School district are dealing with 12.3% unemployment- one of the highest in the country. They have also been hit with a 44% increase in their Social Security taxes but these government school bureaucrats want even more. After all, these government bureaucrats have no need to worry about job security or economic strife – they have nearly iron-clad job security with a guaranteed lifestyle that is greater than those in the community they serve."

"We urge Knox Community School homeowners to turn out in force for the May 7 election and vote No on the property-tax-increase referendum. You can bet that the government employees will show up to vote in favor of their buddies' shiny new workplace."

*Click here to download our 'Vote No' flyer to share with friends and neighbors in the Knox Community Schools district.*