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## RESOLUTION NO. 12, 2025

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**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TERRE HAUTE,  
INDIANA OPPOSING PROPOSED SB1**

**WHEREAS**, state leaders and lawmakers have advocated for and proposed multiple pieces of legislation during the 2025 legislative session that will cut residential and commercial personal property bills for homeowners and businesses and change how these tax liabilities are calculated; and

**WHEREAS**, homeowners deserve affordable tax bills and adequate public services in exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposals garnering the most attention would have an impact on municipal taxing units exceeding \$2 billion; and

**WHEREAS**, a local income tax adoption option could be a helpful tool for units; however, it is not at all adequate to replace the magnitude of what is being eliminated, making it a necessity rather than an option; and

**WHEREAS**, with an essentially mandated income tax increase being the only alternative proposed by lawmakers, the homeowners who these tax measures endeavor to assist will be among the same individuals paying the income tax, making businesses the only recipient of the tax cuts; and

**WHEREAS**, those individuals who do not own a home would see a tax increase; and

**WHEREAS**, if the proposed measures are adopted, the City of Terre Haute will be forced to make significant cuts to public safety, debt obligations, and potentially other municipal services; and

**WHEREAS**, with the stress the measures being considered will put on the City's budget, bonding or saving money for new development will be nearly impossible; sending the City of Terre Haute and the State of Indiana several steps back in efforts to attract and retain a talented workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, these unprecedented cuts in government services are being proposed when, despite the success of Community Crossings, municipalities are imploring legislators to at least preserve the status quo in terms of road funding so as not to compound the well-documented, high percentage of Hoosier roads that continue to be in less than satisfactory condition; and

**WHEREAS**, as of this date the statewide local impact of the primary tax-related bills is estimated to be over \$2 billion, a staggering figure, that would cause widespread negative effects,

increase tax burdens on individuals, while offering even more relief to businesses in an already tax-friendly business state; and

**WHEREAS**, these significant real property and business personal property tax cuts, along with changes to how property taxed are calculated, could potentially result in an estimated loss of approximately \$1.5 million in tax revenues for the City of Terre Haute in year one of enactment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Terre Haute, Indiana, that we oppose any tax policy that negatively impacts local units of government without a reasonable corresponding replacement revenue stream implemented by the State of Indiana and does not harm the City's ability to carry out the expectations of local residents now and into the future.

This resolution shall take full effect upon its passage.

Introduced by:  \_\_\_\_\_ Kandace Hinton, Councilperson.

Passed in open Council this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ Todd Nation, President

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Presented by me to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock.

\_\_\_\_\_ Michelle L. Edwards, City Clerk

Approved by me, the Mayor, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_ Brandon C. Sakbun, Mayor

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