**Advocacy for School Funding and Government Reform**

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**The Honorable Chris Welch**
Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives
300 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

**Dear Speaker Welch,**

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and a member or supporter of **We the People**, a grassroots organization dedicated to creating a more equitable and efficient system of governance in Illinois. Our state faces significant challenges, and we believe that two critical reforms can help address these issues:

1. **Ending the reliance on property taxes to fund schools.** The current system disproportionately burdens homeowners and creates inequities in education funding, leaving students in lower-income areas at a disadvantage. It's time to adopt a fairer and more sustainable method of funding our schools to ensure every Illinois child has access to quality education, regardless of zip code.
2. **Consolidating Illinois's units of government.** Illinois has nearly 8,000 government units, more than any other state nationwide. This fragmentation leads to inefficiency, duplication of services, and unnecessary administrative costs. By consolidating these units, we can streamline operations, reduce waste, and save taxpayer dollars.

These reforms are about saving money and creating a more just and effective system that works for all Illinoisans. We urge you to support and prioritize the passage of the two bills we have proposed to address these critical issues.

To ensure these bills receive the attention they deserve, we are mobilizing citizens across the state to contact your office and express their support. We believe that with your leadership, we can make meaningful progress toward a brighter future for Illinois.

We respectfully request a meeting with you or a member of your staff to discuss these bills in greater detail and to answer any questions you may have. Please let us know a convenient time for such a meeting.

Thank you for your time and dedication to serving the people of Illinois. We look forward to working with you to pass these vital reforms.

Sincerely,
[Your Full Name]
[Your Title/Role in We the People]
[We the People Contact Information]

**Call to Action for Others:**

**Subject:** Urge Speaker Chris Welch to Support Education and Government Reform in Illinois

Dear [Recipient's Name],

I am reaching out to ask for your help in advocating for two critical reforms that can transform Illinois for the better. As a member of We the People, I am working to:

1. End the reliance on property taxes to fund schools, creating a fairer system for all students.
2. Consolidate Illinois's excessive units of government to reduce waste and inefficiency.

These reforms are embodied in two bills that need the support of Illinois State Speaker Chris Welch. I urge you to contact Speaker Welch and ask him to prioritize these bills. Together, we can create a more equitable and efficient Illinois.

**How You Can Help:**

* Call Speaker Welch's office at [insert phone number].
* Email him at [insert email address].
* Share this message with your friends, family, and network.

Every voice matters. Let's show Speaker Welch that Illinoisans are ready for change.

I appreciate your support,
[Your Name]
[We the People Contact Information]