



December 14, 2006

Dear Indiana University Board of Trustees Member,

As President of Monroe County Council, I am concerned about the proposal to outsource support services at Indiana University.

As a representative on the fiscal body of county government, I have participated in much discussion between county government and our community partners about job creation--job **retention** is equally as important to our citizens, local business owners, labor unions, and economic development leaders. While state legislators work towards a move away from dependence upon property tax, an increased reliance on County Option Income Tax demands our local governments' serious mindfulness over the local jobs that maintain the health of our COIT revenue.

Outsourcing important longstanding jobs that have contributed to the betterment of our communities will greatly undermine the quality of life that local government strives to preserve, foster, and promote.

In County Government, we often recognize Indiana University for being a public institution that contributes greatly towards Monroe County being an outstanding place to live. The citizens who are employed by the university, and who have benefited from the educational opportunities for both themselves and their families, dynamically enrich our community.

Outsourcing public goodwill that has exponentially benefited Monroe County and the state of Indiana, appears to be an initiative that goes against the partnerships most of our local leaders have felt existed between Indiana University and life beyond the Sample Gates.

Please carefully consider these concerns as you deliberate outsourcing support divisions at the University. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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