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Dear Friend,

I am writing to let you know about an exciting development for Christian Education in the State of Michigan. In light of two recent Supreme Court rulings (*Espinoza v. Montana*, and *Trinity Lutheran v. Comer*) and the pending case of *Carson v. Makin*, it appears that there is a real opportunity for our Christian School and Home School parents to have some financial relief for their investments in Christian Education.

To be clear, MACS has never advocated for money for Christian Schools. MACS will never ask for government money for Christian Schools. In this initiative parents will get their own tax dollars back to pay for their children's education. The Michigan legislature crafted and passed two bills that allowed non-public school parents to get some of their own tax money back to be used for their child's education. This is the tuition tax credit concept that I instructed Dr. Schmig to pursue during his legislative time in Lansing.

The Michigan House and Senate passed two bills along this idea and both were vetoed by Governor Whitmer. So now we are taking the matter to you, the people. Dr. Schmig is working with the Mackinaw Center for Public Policy and Great Lakes Education Project to help move the idea of tuition tax credits along. There is a ballot Initiation of Legislation that I am asking you to present to your school parents.

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Here's how it works. The people at Great Lakes Education Project will mail you enough petition packets for every family in your school. Each family is asked to collect 9 signatures per petition and mail the completed forms back to the Great Lakes Education Project in the self-addressed envelope, which is provided. Logistically if every MACS family did their part and if every Home School family did their part, we would be over the required number of signatures.

For the thirty years that I have been President of the Michigan Association of Christian Schools, we have waited, "for such a time as this." So I trust you will prayerfully take this matter to heart and do all you can do to encourage the parents in your church and school to collect petition signatures for this initiative to be on the ballot this November.

As always, Dr. Schmig is available to answer any questions or concerns that you may have as we move forward with this important effort.

Sincerely for Christian Education,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. Douglas R. Jackson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Dr. Douglas R. Jackson
President, Michigan Association of Christian Schools