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## Data Access at meaningful level to support analysis by citizens

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Fri, Jun 26, 2015 at 11:26 PM

To: H96@in.gov

Cc: "Joyce L. Moore" <joyce.l.moore@gmail.com>

Hello Representative Porter,

We spoke briefly at the MFC 30th anniversary celebration. To follow up on our conversation, for the next legislative cycle, I'd like to see an effort to include data access in all bills that involve resources. You had mentioned the terms "disaggregation" and "unpacking". When we spoke at the Senate in April, several people mention that legislators had planning sessions in August, I'd like you to keep this request in mind at that time. I'll cite two personal examples where I suspect a problem but data isn't available to support my suspicions.

1) Indy Landbank Fraud, Waste, Abuse, and Corruption. The State mandates that all sales be recorded in a central file. This file was about the only data generally available. The State Board of Accounts was not watching things, so they got out of hand, and hundreds of taxpayers were harmed. Agent Shank was sympathetic but was able to resolve my issue. I understand this is a dead issue, but it illustrates the problem.

2) IPS allocation of resources based on race. Data is not available at the school level other than FTE data mandated by the Federal Government, which is not as important as the Board would lead us to believe. Non-personnel expenses, transportation, and construction costs represent a sizable portion of what we as taxpayers fund, yet we have little-targeted data to assure us these funds are being used equitably. Unfortunately, unless governmental agencies funded by the State are required to provide usable data they will not do it. The process for obtaining data from IPS for an individual citizen is not good. I'm three months into a data request for school level data and still do not have the data I need to confirm perceived inequities in resources several local schools. Six plus phone calls, three plus emails, and NO data. This is an open issue!

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

Best regards,  
-John

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To: Sen.PeteMiller@iga.in.gov

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Hello Senator Miller,

For the next legislative cycle, I'd like to see an effort to include data access in **all** bills that involve resources. The terms "disaggregation" and "unpacking" were used the day that we spoke at the Senate in April, several people mentioned that legislators had planning sessions in August, I'd like you to keep this request in mind at that time. I'll cite my most recent frustration:

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