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To Whom it May Concern,

The tax payers of ERCSD voted down a school budget with a 1.9% tax increase, and subsequently approved a budget with a 1% increase. The State Commissioner of Education decided that a 1% increase is not enough. Nor is a 1.9% increase. Instead, the decision was made to increase our taxes by 5.38%, way over the original increase. A request for an injunction was filed on behalf of the taxpayers, to suspend this increase. However, Judge Eisenpress ruled against the taxpayers unilaterally. This is taxation without representation. I do not understand how an unelected bureaucrat can simply say that the voters got it wrong, and overrule them. The proper solution would be to adjust the funding formula due to the unique demographic character of the school district. The inequity of this faulty funding system should not be carried by the local community.

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