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October 11, 2017

Mr. Richard M. Reese
Superintendent
John Glenn School Corporation
101 John Glenn Drive
Walkerton, Indiana 46574

RE: One Nation Under God

Dear Superintendent Reese,

I have the honor of serving as the Executive Director of the Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation (CPCF). The CPCF serves the nearly 100 members of Congress who are part of the Congressional Prayer Caucus.

In addition, the CPCF supports the actions of the American Prayer Caucus Network, a nationwide network of over 950 federal and state legislators who are committed to protecting religious freedom for all Americans.

We understand that the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) recently sent you a letter regarding a teacher's display of the Pledge of Allegiance, which emphasized at the top of the display the words "...one nation UNDER GOD." We further understand that the original display has been replaced with another display that has the Pledge of Allegiance without any emphasized words. We appreciate that your District encourages the display of the Pledge in classrooms and we encourage you to go a step further.

More than 60 years ago, Congress created by official Act our National Motto, "In God We Trust". This 1956 Act of Congress followed the use of this phrase on our nation's coins as early as 1864.

The National Motto was affirmed in 2002, and then in 2011 the U.S. House of Representatives overwhelmingly (396 to 9) passed a resolution affirming the National Motto and encouraging the public display of this motto in all public buildings and public schools.

We firmly believe that placing a poster with flags and our National Motto "In God We Trust" in classrooms where students recite the Pledge of

Allegiance and study the Declaration of Independence (with references to “Nature’s God” and “Creator”) is very appropriate. All three promote patriotism and honor our country’s history and, therefore, are very important aspects of our children’s education.

Thank you for your continued service on behalf of the parents and children of Indiana. We look forward to hearing the good reports of the National Motto/flag posters on display in your schools!

Sincerely,



Lea Carawan
Executive Director
Congressional Prayer Caucus Foundation