

EAST CARROLL PARISH COMMUNITY PETITION

RECOVER \$6.2M OWED TO EAST CARROLL PARISH

EAST CARROLL PARISH ILLEGALLY WAS DENIED \$6.2M IN REVENUE.
OUR LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO RECOUP THE FUNDS.

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL SUPPORT THIS EFFORT.



THE FACTS:

- In 2012 an international corporation built a **\$59M PLANT** in E Carroll Parish called “Myriant.” From 2012 to 2015, Myriant **FAILED TO REPORT** its \$59M in property to the parish assessor.
- Myriant had not received an exemption; it simply **DID NOT REPORT ITS PROPERTY.**
- In Dec 2015, Myriant asked the State Board of Commerce & Industry to **EXEMPT IT FROM PROPERTY TAX RETROACTIVELY BACK TO 2012** — prohibited under the Board’s rules. The Board **DISREGARDED ITS RULES & STATE LAW** to approve Myriant’s exemptions back to 2012.
- A few months later, **MYRIANT SHUT DOWN AND LAID OFF ITS WORKFORCE.** After Myriant shut down, the State Board voted to allow Myriant to continue its exemptions for a 1-year only. But it made the extension **CONDITIONAL UPON MYRIANT RECEIVING RESOLUTIONS OF SUPPORT FROM LOCAL TAXING BODIES.** Myriant did not receive them.
- **MYRIANT’S EXEMPTIONS SHOULD HAVE EXPIRED IN 2016.** However in 2019, **MOST OF MYRIANT’S PROPERTY STILL HAS NOT BEEN RETURNED TO THE TAX ROLLS.**
- These illegal actions have cost E. Carroll Parish **\$6.2M IN REVENUE**, which would have gone to our **PUBLIC SCHOOLS (\$850K), HOSPITAL (\$780K), DRAINAGE & LEVEES (\$620K), LIBRARY (\$420K), GARBAGE (\$600K), SHERIFF (\$657K), ROADS: (\$422K) & other (\$1.9M).**
- Once confirmed that Myriant’s exemptions are invalid, the parish assessor has the authority to **RESTORE THE PROPERTY TO THE ROLLS & RECOVER 3 YEARS OF BACK TAXES (RS 47:1959).**
- East Carroll Parish ranks **LAST IN LOUISIANA** for **AVG INCOME, UNEMPLOYMENT & CHILD POVERTY.** We cannot afford to lose \$6.2 million in tax revenue.
- **On THURS, May 30, East Carrol residents will take a BUS TRIP to Baton Rouge to hold a press conference at the Capitol to seek action on this issue. Depart at 7am. Return by 8pm.**

SIGN THE CARD BELOW TO SUPPORT THE PETITION

Submit slips or request copies from Sister Bernie Barrett at (318)559-3747.



I, THE UNDERSIGNED, SUPPORT THE PETITION TO RECOVER THE INDUSTRIAL TAX REVENUE ILLEGALLY DENIED TO EAST CARROLL PARISH.

Full Name (please print)

Congregation or Organization

Email Address

Cell phone / Best daytime phone number

Home Address

Zip Code

CAN YOU JOIN THE BUS TRIP TO BATON ROUGE ON THURSDAY, MAY 30TH?

___ Yes ___ No