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**APARTMENT COMMUNITIES STATEWIDE PLAN AUGUST 11**  
**EVENTS TO REGISTER RESIDENTS TO VOTE**

**PROPERTY TAX ISSUE HITTING HOME WITH RENTAL HOUSING INDUSTRY**

**Indianapolis, IN (Tuesday, August 7, 2007)** – Apartment community owners across the state will rally their residents Saturday, August 11, to register to vote and participate in their local elections.

The Indiana Apartment Association is sponsoring the Voter Registration Drive and has encouraged all its members to participate. The organization's concern is that during this past session of the Indiana General Assembly, legislators passed property tax legislation that was unfavorable to the rental housing industry and have direct impact on the apartment communities and those who live there.

“Skyrocketing property tax bills and the subsequent tax freeze in many of our members’ counties and Gov. Daniels’ creating a blue-ribbon panel to find long-term solutions is evidence that the system is broken,” said Lynne Sullivan, executive director of the Indiana Apartment Association. “Our organization has been saying for years that property tax assessment unfairly penalizes rental housing units in this state and few have listened.

“We think the time is right for renters to be heard. Property taxes have a direct impact on the level of rent that is paid each month, but renters are seldom considered in the debate. They are often considered transients because lawmakers don’t believe they participate in the system. Indiana now allows those living in rental properties to sign a remonstrance if they are registered to vote in this state.”

So far, more than 150 apartment communities representing more than 50,000 households have signed up to participate in the voter registration day. **Please note there is an accompanying attachment with a complete list of Voter Registration Day activities across the state.**

**About IAA:** The Indiana Apartment Association represents more than 200,000 rental units throughout the state, including members in ten affiliate chapters. For more information about the voter registration drive, log on to [www.apartmentvoterscount.com](http://www.apartmentvoterscount.com).

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