



Equality Indiana Urges Defeat of Anti-Trans Bill, SB 480

March 20, 2023 – Equality Indiana urges a ‘No’ vote on Senate Bill 480, as it is an outright ban on essential, life-saving medical care for trans youth. It is harmful to families, government intrusiveness at its worst, and bad for businesses in Indiana.

We oppose this legislation or any bill that would insert government officials in between medical decisions made by families and their doctor. SB 480 is an anti-family bill.

Medical decisions about one’s bodily autonomy is the pinnacle of an individual’s freedoms and should never be trampled upon by any government entity or official. This includes the bodily autonomy of minors who, with the support and consent of their parents or guardians, in consultation and approval of a licensed medical professional, should be free to make medical decisions without interference from lawmakers. The State of Indiana should not be passing laws that restricts access to crucial medical care for anyone, because restrictions strip individuals of their human dignity. SB 480 is an anti-freedom bill.

Indiana’s business community should be outraged by SB 480, because it will take away medical care for their employee’s families, which will lead to talented workers leaving our state to seek employment in states that do not discriminate against their family. SB 480 will exacerbate the challenges of Indiana’s “brain drain” and siphon talented workers out of Indiana. SB 480 is anti-worker and anti-business.

Equality Indiana is a nonpartisan, grassroots, nonprofit organization with a mission to secure comprehensive and inclusive nondiscrimination, equality, and related legal protections for all LGBTQ Hoosiers. We will always stand with and demand equal protections for LGBTQ young people and their families, but especially for trans youth, regardless of age, beliefs, citizenship status, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Equality Indiana’s mission demands that we engage, empower, energize Hoosier voters to take action now and in future elections by educating voters about lawmakers’ legislative voting records concerning LGBTQ and related issues. Legislative voting records that include affirmative votes on anti-LGBTQ legislation, like SB 480, will identify each of those legislators as an anti-LGBTQ public official. Equality Indiana will strongly urge the defeat of all anti-LGBTQ public officials or candidates running for elective office.

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