



## **Equality Indiana reacts to the passage of the Ban on Gender-Affirming Care**

**April 5, 2023** – We are heartbroken to share that Governor Eric Holcomb signed Senate Bill 480, a law that will ban Gender-Affirming Medical Care for Transgender Hoosiers, into law today. This legislation is a clear attack on the rights of transgender children, their parents, and the medical community in Indiana.

Parents, working in collaboration with their medical teams and adhering to standards of care, should be able to make decisions regarding their child's healthcare. These 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. The State of Indiana should not be passing laws that restrict access to crucial medical care for anyone, because restrictions strip individuals of their human dignity.

We are grateful for the hundreds of parents, medical providers, transgender youth, and supporters who showed up at the Capitol recently, and the thousands of Hoosiers from throughout the state who took action to urge their elected officials to oppose this bill. With thousands of messages sent to elected officials opposing SB 480, it is clear that this new law is out of line with a majority of Hoosiers regarding this issue.

Additionally, Equality Indiana will make it its mission to let those elected officials, who supported this harmful law, hear it loud and clear that they are 'FIRED' from elected office from a majority of Hoosiers in their districts in future elections.

During a year of unprecedented, coordinated national attacks on LGBTQ rights, we are truly heartbroken to see these unwarranted attacks succeed in Indiana. We know that Indiana is better than this, and that a majority of Hoosiers stand with trans youth, the LGBTQ community, and Equality Indiana on the right side of history.

Most importantly, to the transgender and non-binary youth of Indiana: we see you, we love you, and we will never give up fighting for you.

Contact: G. David Caudill (he/him), Operations Director  
317.407.3042 | Equality.Ind@gmail.com

Equality Indiana Inc.  
133 W Market St PMB 113  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

EqualityIndiana.org