



## Equality Indiana Statement on the 2024 Legislative Session

**January 10, 2024** – Equality Indiana is ready to stand up for and with Indiana’s LGBTQIA+ community throughout the 2024 Legislative session, which started in earnest on Monday, January 8, 2024. The entire list of Equality Indiana’s legislative initiatives can be found at [EqualityIndiana.org/Legislative](https://EqualityIndiana.org/Legislative).

As you will read on our list of legislative initiatives, we categorize them into five unique areas of policies: Civil Rights, Education, Health Care, Public Safety/Criminal Justice, and Election Reforms. Each of the initiatives under these policy areas intersect with economic issues that will advance and boost a healthy, equitable statewide economy. By passing these initiatives into laws, which fall under the umbrella of equal protection and freedoms for every Hoosier, the immediate impact will create a friendly and safe environment for vigorous entrepreneurialism and innovated ideas to flourish. With the ultimate results of making Indiana highly competitive with other states, as well as becoming a welcoming state to all people and business entities.

Any legislation that runs counter to these positive, inclusive policy initiatives undermines and disrupts Indiana’s path to positive economic growth in all sectors of Indiana’s economy and will negatively impact Indiana’s economic future.

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

Equality Indiana’s goals include engaging LGBTQIA+ Hoosiers and our allies, families, and friends to take bold actions to encourage lawmakers to pass positive, pro-LGBTQIA+ legislation and policies that will protect all Hoosiers as enshrined in the U.S. Constitution’s 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

Equality Indiana’s mission demands that we engage and mobilize pro-LGBTQIA+ voters to take bold action now and in future elections by educating all voters about lawmakers’ legislative voting records concerning LGBTQIA+ and related issues. Legislative voting records that include votes on any LGBTQIA+ related legislation will be used to identify lawmakers who are pro-LGBTQIA+ Champions and those who are anti-LGBTQIA+ public officials. Equality Indiana will strongly urge the defeat of all anti-LGBTQIA+ public officials or candidates seeking public office.

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