



August 11, 2021 – Official statement regarding the Indiana Redistricting Process and the public comment portion from G. David Caudill, Executive Director of Equality Indiana.

“Thank you for allowing citizens to state their opinion regarding the 10-year redistricting process.”

“My name is G David Caudill, I am the Founding and Executive Director of Equality Indiana, a new, nonpartisan LGBTQ nonprofit advocacy organization fighting to make Indiana a more welcoming place for all LGBTQ Americans.”

“Currently, I'm the voice of average, grassroots LGBTQ Hoosiers and their allies and they are united with one voice that they are tired of partisan ‘business as usual’ in this legislature and one solution to end the awful partisan, ‘business as usual’ atmosphere is by drawing legislative maps that are fair and done so by a nonpartisan commission and not by PARTISAN DC POLITICAL HACKS.”

“It's not too late to listen to your better angels, as President Lincoln would implore of you. But if you continue without a nonpartisan commission, then the people demand transparency, let WE the people see the maps once drawn and hold additional hearings. Listen to the people.”

“You should also listen to President Washington while during his Farewell Address to the nation he warns of the dangers of political parties and partisan actions.”

“One paragraph in his Farewell Address is fitting for this legislative body, Washington decries that political parties and partisan actions "are likely, in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people".”

“Our first President, George Washington, nearly 225 years ago warned **all of us** about **all of you**, unprincipled men and women subverting the power of the people, you should listen to Washington, Lincoln and listen to the people. Do the right thing and change course before it's too late.”

“Thank you for your time. I hope you have listened to WE THE PEOPLE.”

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