

## Equality Indiana Reacts to Passage of Anti-Trans Bill, HB 1041

**February 28, 2022** – Despite overwhelming public outrage and hours of testimony from LGBTQ families, Indiana's anti-equality, anti-LGBTQ legislators voted to pass HR 1041 into law, once enacted this law targets school-aged transgender youth and bans them from playing school sports.

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 protect our transgender brothers, sisters, and especially our youth, regardless of age, beliefs, citizenship status, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

HB 1041 takes our state in the wrong direction, it's discriminatory, and violates Federal laws and the U.S. Constitution. If this terrible piece of legislation becomes law it violates Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Protection Clause of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment, and Freedom of Expression under the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment.

Equality Indiana's mission demands that we engage and mobilize voters to take action now and in future elections by educating voters about lawmakers' legislative voting records concerning LGBTQ and related issues. Equality Indiana will strongly urge the defeat of all anti-LGBTQ public officials or candidates for office.

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