



Hoosiers disappointed in Governor Holcomb's State of the State

January 10, 2024 – Average Hoosiers across Indiana are disappointed in Governor Eric Holcomb's State of the State address. Hoosiers, who call Indiana home, were shocked that Governor Holcomb claimed during his initial statements in his address that "A year ago, I promised you that I would work harder than ever, to continue to improve the prospects for every person that calls Indiana home." If that's the promise he made, then apparently, he's forgotten that he broke that promise.

Here are a few examples of his broken promises:

On April 5, 2023, Governor Holcomb signed Senate Bill 480, a law that bans Gender-Affirming Medical Care for Transgender Hoosiers. This legislation is a clear attack on the rights of transgender children, their parents, and the medical community in Indiana. Governor Eric Holcomb, how does banning private medical care for Hoosier families, as this law does, improve the prospects for families in Indiana?

On May 5, 2023, Governor Holcomb signed House Bill 1608, a Don't Say Gay law. This legislation bans educators from talking about LGBTQ topics. It undermines protections for LGBTQ youth in schools, which should be safe spaces for all students, regardless of gender identity, race, or sexual orientation. This law stigmatizes LGBTQ people, isolates and ostracizes LGBTQ youth, and strikes fear in teachers who provide safe and inclusive classrooms. The existence of LGBTQ students, parents, school staff, and curriculum topics should not be a forbidden topic, subject to bans. Governor Holcomb, how does banning LGBTQ+ curriculum topics and creating hostile school environments for youth, as this law does, improve the prospects for families in Indiana?

Indiana Lawmakers, including the Governor, should be focusing on legislation that would support and strengthen Hoosier families and our economy. Indiana should be a welcoming state to diverse business entities, workers, and families. These laws do the opposite and will eventually negatively impact Indiana's families and everyone's economic future.

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