



INDIANAPOLIS—The African American Coalition of Indianapolis, AACI, a coalition of independent organizations, and coalition partners, unequivocally opposes the proposed mid-decade redistricting in Indiana. This proposed action is a blatant effort to manipulate political power at the expense of voters—including African American communities. It is nothing short of an assault on democratic principles of fairness and equal representation for all citizens.

HB 1032 is an unprecedented, highly partisan attack on the political efficacy of minority communities, such as Marion, Lake, Allen, Johnson, and St. Joseph counties. It has been suggested that over 2 million Hoosiers in urban, suburban and rural communities will be impacted by this bill.

Indiana law is clear: redistricting occurs after the decennial census to ensure fair and equal representation based on updated population data. There is no statutory or constitutional mandate for mid-decade redistricting. Any attempt to redraw maps now is not about fairness—it is about partisan advantage. It is a dangerous precedent that undermines the predictability and stability our electoral system depends on.

Historically, African Americans in Indiana have fought hard for representation—from overcoming Jim Crow-era voter suppression to challenging discriminatory practices in the courts. Mid-cycle redistricting, as proposed, threatens to roll back decades of progress to further engage Black voters in the political process and to gain further attention and accountability to address the unique needs and the commonly shared community concerns for all Hoosiers, such as quality education for all students and access to quality, affordable health care. We refuse to be silent while some seek to return Indiana to a time when political forces ruled Indiana that officially tried to silence Black voices and didn't truly benefit all Hoosiers.

The proposed HB1032 maps would divide Marion County into four congressional districts. Under this plan, an Indianapolis resident near 38th & High School Road could be represented alongside voters living near the Ohio River, despite vastly different community needs. According to nonpartisan analysis, each district touching Marion County would drop to about 11% Black and 4% or less Hispanic population, weakening the ability of communities to elect representatives who understand local priorities. Current evidence is that many outsiders promoting Indiana redistricting aren't making decisions and establishing priorities that are improving the quality of life for all Hoosiers,

Lawmakers attempt to rewrite the rules midstream is not governance—it is gerrymandering in its most cynical form. We call on every elected official to reject this power grab and uphold the principles enshrined in both Indiana law, in the Voting Rights Act, and in common sense decision making that promotes the best interest of all Hoosiers.



This process turns our democracy on its head with elected officials choosing their voters versus voters choosing who represents them. This is not what democracy looks like.

Our democracy is not a game. We are Hoosiers that want the best for us all.

Coalition Partners

Concerned Clergy of Indianapolis

Circle Up Indy

Evansville NAACP Branch #3048

Exchange at the Indianapolis Urban League

Fathers and Families Center

Flanner House

Fort Wayne Urban League

Greater Gary NAACP Branch #3050

Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch #3053

Greater Terre Haute NAACP Branch #3068

Indiana Black Expo

Indiana Black Expo—Anderson Chapter

Indiana Black Expo—Elkhart Chapter

Indiana Black Expo—Gary Chapter

Indiana Black Expo—Indianapolis Chapter

Indiana Black Expo—Kokomo Chapter

Indiana Black Expo—South Bend Chapter

Indianapolis Professional Association

Indianapolis Urban League

Indy Black Chamber of Commerce

Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Indianapolis



Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc., Alpha Alpha Omega Indianapolis Alumni Chapter

Jeffersonville Branch/Clark County Branch #3054 of the NAACP

Michigan City NAACP Branch #3061

National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Indianapolis Chapter, Inc.

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The Indianapolis Recorder Newspaper

The Fathers Foundation Indy

The Joseph Taylor Branch of the Association for the Study of African American Life History

The Ross Foundation

Urban League of Northwest Indiana