

## **Response to the Commissioners Statement**

We'd like to begin by thanking everyone who supported the Medical Rights Ordinance!! All of the calls, emails and attendance at the meetings really did make a difference in this fight. As well as a shout out to our friends at Hoosiers for Medical Liberty for coming along side and guiding us. Their partnership was invaluable!

We would love to have had the legislative win and be able to gain protection for residents in our area. However, we knew this was an uphill battle and even though we didn't get the legislative win today, we're counting this as a victory.

Three weeks ago they were absolutely NOT going to make any type of statement against the use of vaccine passports. However, we pushed for the ordinance when we knew there was a slim chance that they would even consider it. You put so much pressure on them that they were forced to do something they didn't want to do. They were only able to worm out of this by stating, "The Home Rule Act specifically denies local government 'the power to prescribe the law governing civil actions between private persons". They we're actively looking for a reason not do vote on this.

Elected officials at various levels of government have taken notice as well. We brought awareness to this very important issue and empowered many to fight for their rights.

We also forced the commissioners to show their true colors. They could have done so much more, but chose to NOTHING to help the residents of Allen County. If they truly wanted to, they could have made changes to the ordinance to provide protection of individual choice and bodily autonomy. They never even reached out to us to discuss the ordinance. The truth is, they were OPPOSED to doing anything to help those who have elected them. We can use this against them in the primaries next May. This is so much more important than the legislative win! The only way to take back our county and state from RINOS is to defeat them at the polls.

We are glad to hear the commissioners are against the use of vaccine passports and "believe that people should be able to make decisions on these vaccines based on their own personal circumstances, conscience, religious beliefs, and health provider advice". They also feel Biden's mandate rule "is overreach and goes too far". We will hold them accountable if they forget this. They also mentioned that the authority to act in these situations is given to the Governor, State Department of Health and 'local health officers', as well as highlighting SB 5. They happen to oversee the Board of Health and subsequently the local health officers. We will be watching to be sure they enforce SB 5, if the Allen County Health Department decides to overreach, like they did last year with the mask mandate.

We would have liked a stronger statement from them, but this is what you get from RINOS. Remember this when you go to vote next May.

Now they know that we are watching them and aren't afraid to stand for our rights and hold them accountable. We need to continue to remain hopeful and hold the line. One small victory at a time, on to the next battle! Remember the war was already won!! Glory be to God!!