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Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute Issues Statement on State Senate Passage of SB 285

Lauren Murfree, Policy Analyst at the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute, offered the following comments on today's decision in the State Senate to pass SB 285:

"We are greatly disappointed at the passage of SB 285 through the Senate, a bill that will harm Hoosiers across the state who are experiencing homelessness. Housing is essential to creating communities where individuals can thrive, but rather than supporting solutions to the housing crisis with demonstrated results, this bill will penalize Hoosiers struggling with housing by diverting them into the criminal justice system, creating additional harms and costs across the state."

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About the Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute

The Indiana Community Action Poverty Institute engages in research and promotes public policies to help Hoosier families achieve and maintain financial well-being. We believe that when Hoosiers are financially stable, they can achieve their full potential and better contribute to their communities. The Institute is a program of the Indiana Community Action Association.