

August 3, 2020

Dear Members of the Indiana Delegation,

COVID-19 continues to spread and take the lives of Hoosiers. This month, some of the largest school districts in our state announced that they would not reopen, leaving families scrambling to figure out how to manage work and e-learning. We need your support.

Some of the workers in our state who are symptomatic or whose schools or child cares are closing have access to paid leave thanks to the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. However, the carve-out for large businesses leaves us ALL vulnerable as workers continue on the job when symptomatic. It affects our children, as parents who cannot work remotely may be forced to quit and face financial hardship or leave children home alone to keep bringing home a paycheck.

We estimate that one in three workers in Indiana lacks paid sick days, and even fewer have paid leave that would cover a parent's need to take time off due to a school or child care closing. Workers in jobs that regularly interface with the public, like food service and home health care, are among the least likely to have paid leave. Recommendations to quarantine will not be heeded if it means the inability to pay bills or remain housed.

Paid leave is working in our state. The most recent Census Bureau Household Pulse data shows that zero percent of Hoosiers who have access to and were able to use paid leave experienced food insecurity. We also know that paid leave is critical to reducing the spread of infectious diseases.

For these reasons, we urge you to fight for expanded access to emergency paid sick and caregiver leave in the next COVID-19 package.

In partnership,

Organizations

AAUW Indianapolis
Central District United Methodist Women
Engaging Solutions, LLC
Faith in Indiana
Family Promise of Hendricks County
Hoosier Action
Indiana Breastfeeding Coalition
Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation
Indiana Institute for Working Families
Indiana Minority Health Coalition
Indianapolis Urban League

Lafayette Urban Ministry
March of Dimes
Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc.
Monroe County National Organization for Women
Prevail
Indiana Grassroots Maternal and Child Health Leaders
Safe Passage Inc.
Women4Change

Added 8/4:

Indiana AFL-CIO
Collaborative Consulting
Switchyard Brewing Company
Indy Juneteenth

Advocates

2nd District	Sally Dixon	RN
2nd District	Daniel Mandell	
3rd District	John Peirce	
3rd District	Penny Talbert	
4th District	Lauren Murfree	PhD. Health Promotion Student @ Purdue University
4th District	Sheila Rosenthal	Registered nurse
4th District	Haylee Sanford	Political Director at Heartland Area Labor Federation
4th District	Joanne Evers	
4th District	Diana Hadley	Retired Educator, Indiana Friends Committee on Legislation Clerk
4th District	Julie Randall	
5th District	Laura Berry	
5th District	Kay Gordon	
5th District	Tom Roberts	
5th District	Phillip Goodchild	Attorney
5th District	Ed Morris	
5th District	John Brandon	Youth Service Professional
5th District	Jim Donahue	Attorney
5th District	Mary Boggs	
5th District	Debra Smith	MSW
5th District	Jeena Siela	Director, Maternal-Child Health and Government Affairs at March of Dimes
5th District	Sherry Watkins	Co-President AAUW Indianapolis
5th District	Anthony Gillespie	VP of President of Policy and Engagement at Indiana Minority Health Coalition
5th District	Sarah Long	Lactation consultant
6th District	Susan Patterson	

6th District	Tammy Robinson	Business Owner and Pastor
6th District	Jane Yorn	Executive Director
7th District	Emily Voss	
7th District	Jillian Lain	MA
7th District	Emily Burkhart	
7th District	Lori Miller	Teacher
7th District	Lynn P. Mills	
7th District	Kim Saylor	Caregiver
7th District	Devina Jani	Social Worker
7th District	Destiny Faceson	Indiana Grassroots Maternal and Child Health Leader
7th District	Marie Wiese	Pastor
7th District	Mary Eckerle	MD
7th District	Mark Russell	
7th District	Deborah Fisher	B.SW, M.Ed., ED.S, Indiana Grassroots Maternal & Child Health Leader
7th District	Chris Weintraut	Executive Director, Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy and Public Policy Director, Marion County Commission on Youth
7th District	Sarah Williams	Retired
7th District	Lori Chambers	Retired
7th District	Mary Blackburn	RN
7th District	Erin Macey	PhD
8th District	Emily TeKolste	
9th District	Colleen Yeakle	MSW
9th District	Jason McGraw	
9th District	Alyssa Prince	
9th District	Kate Roelecke	Prevention Director, MPH
9th District	Sarah Knott	
9th District	Kristina Dejesus	
9th District	Betsy Marshall	Direct Support Professional

ADDED 8/4:

4 th District	Patti O'Callaghan	
7 th District	Juli Van Wyk	
9 th District	Michelle Higgs	
7 th District	Jane DeVoe	
5 th District	Patricia Likins's	
7 th District	Esme Barniskis	
7 th District	Rose Buckley	
9 th District	Kurtis Cummings	
2 nd District	Kelly Hehn	
7 th District	Robin Hess	
8 th District	David Savage	
9 th District	Cindy Tullar	RN
7 th District	Tamara Reavis	

