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

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**Advocates**

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7th District  Jillian Lain  MA
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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
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9th District  Jason McGraw
9th District  Alyssa Prince
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9th District  Sarah Knott
9th District  Kristina Dejesus
9th District  Betsy Marshall  Direct Support Professional

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