

## **ACTION ALERT!**

### **Tax Credits for Working Families at Risk in Indiana Senate**

State Senator Brandt Hershman (R, District 7) has introduced [Senate Bill 344](#). This bill would, among other things<sup>i</sup>, eliminate the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC has proven to be a successful measure in stabilizing the incomes of nearly 500,000 low-income *working* Hoosiers who have felt the devastating affects of increased poverty and decreased wages as a result of the Great Recession.

Eliminating the EITC would effectively raise taxes on low-income Hoosiers by nearly \$86 million in 2012. This represents almost 15% of our population in Indiana.

With poverty increases (especially among children) and wage decreases reaching unprecedented levels in Indiana, our legislators should NOT be raising taxes on low-income working Hoosier families. Nationally, the EITC has lifted over 6 million out of poverty, including 3 million children.

Indiana's EITC makes it possible for working families to repair a car, pay down bills, or meet their basic needs like paying for food, clothing, and rent.

## **Take Action Now!**

### **Call your State Senator and tell them You Oppose Senate Bill 344!**

Use the following link to find your Senators phone and/or email address:

<http://district.iga.in.gov/DistrictLookup>

**Message:** (Senator) \_\_\_\_\_, I am (calling/writing) to urge you to OPPOSE Senate Bill 344. With poverty increases (especially among children) and wage decreases reaching unprecedented levels in Indiana, our legislators should NOT be raising taxes on low-income working families.

**\*\*Committee meetings are public.** If you would like to attend, to voice your concern directly and/or to testify on behalf of low-income working Hoosiers, the hearing is scheduled to take place Tues 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in Room 431 at the Indiana Statehouse.

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<sup>i</sup> SB 344 also eliminates tax credits for Individual Development Accounts (IDA's), another credit used for working families to obtain economic self-sufficiency. For more information on IDA's and EITC, see our [policy briefs here](#).