

2023 PRIORITIES

AFP-INDIANA'S TOP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ABOUT US



**AMERICANS FOR
PROSPERITY**
INDIANA

Through broad-based grassroots outreach, Americans for Prosperity (AFP) is driving long-term solutions to the country's biggest problems. AFP activists engage friends and neighbors on key issues and encourage them to take an active role in building a culture of mutual benefit, where people succeed by helping one another. AFP recruits and unites Hoosiers behind a common goal of advancing policies that will help people improve their lives. For more information, visit: www.AmericansForProsperity.org

TAX REFORM

The Vision - A thriving, adaptable society is the foundation that enables every individual to discover and deploy their unique gifts and talents. This is achieved when unnecessary barriers are removed, and free people are empowered to solve the challenges they see in their communities and across the country. That means lower burdens of taxes and debt, a free labor market that offers opportunity and flexibility, and an inclusive process to ensure government services are providing the value Americans deserve.

The Problem - Hoosier families are overtaxed, with too much of their paychecks going towards unnecessary and unneeded government spending.

The Solution - Help Hoosiers keep more of their hard-earned money by simplifying the tax code and eliminating the state income tax.

REGULATORY REFORM

The Vision - Government regulation should be limited, fairly enforced, and easy for the public to understand and comply. Government should only use its regulatory authority where absolutely necessary and keep the rulemaking process open, transparent and answerable to people. Limiting the regulatory burden on Hoosiers will allow businesses, families and individuals in Indiana to thrive in a more open and free society.

The Problem - Indiana has over 90,000 rules and regulations. Over time more and more rules and regulations have been created and implemented by unelected bureaucrats without the consent of the people's elected representatives in the Indiana General Assembly.

The Solution - Rulemaking in Indiana should be reformed by putting the General Assembly back at the center of the process. Build on the reforms proposed in the last session in HB1100 to increase legislative oversight and transparency in the rulemaking process and to reform the state's emergency powers.

CANNABIS REFORM

The Vision - As a grassroots-based organization that champions limited government, personal freedom, and fiscal responsibility - Americans for Prosperity fully supports creating a legal and competitive marketplace for the sale of cannabis products in Indiana.

The Problem - Law enforcement agencies have shifted more and more resources away from their core mission of solving and preventing property and violent crime and toward drug enforcement efforts, leaving too many victims without justice and jeopardizing public safety. The current policy of prohibition has not achieved its goal of decreasing cannabis use, has diverted limited resources away from violent crime, and damaged trust between police officers and the communities they serve.

The Solution - Creating a legal, free, and competitive cannabis marketplace in Indiana. Indiana is in the advantageous position of learning from the successes and mistakes of our fellow states to choose a new path forward for ourselves. A path where we can end policies that have been counterproductive and harmful to the lives of too many Hoosiers. Where we recognize the new research around the potential risks, benefits, and uses of cannabis products. A path where we can create the best functioning, fairest system in the country right here in Indiana.

UNIVERSAL EDUCATION SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

The Vision – Every Hoosier student deserves access to an education that allows them to discover their unique talents, turn those talents into valued skills, and use those skills to create value for themselves and for others.

The Problem – The current one-size-fits-all approach to public education is not capable of meeting every child's unique need.

The Solution – Americans for Prosperity-Indiana is calling on the General Assembly to implement Universal Education Savings Accounts to fund students not systems.

HEALTHCARE

The Vision – Every Hoosier deserves access to quality affordable healthcare that allows them to live their version of the American Dream without worry of massive amounts of medical burdens, a portable health savings account (HSA) that's flexible to their family's needs, and a competitive marketplace where patients are at the center of healthcare.

The Problem – American healthcare is some of the best in the world, but the current system is plagued by bureaucracy, insecurity, and hidden prices for business and patients. It treats insurance companies, the pharmaceutical industry, hospital systems, and the government like they're the customers – putting patients last. The logical end of this current road is a public government one-size-fits-all problem.

The Solution – A personal option which removes barriers that impede access to coverage and care; offering Hoosiers more choice and control over their own healthcare and trusting them to select the options that are right for them and their families – without high cost barriers getting in the way. This includes proven, bipartisan reforms such as expanding health savings accounts, increasing telehealth access, promoting price transparency through markets – not mandates, promoting direct care, removing protectionist regulations for health system suppliers, and giving patients more access to affordable life-saving healthcare.