



THE TORCH

The Official Newsletter of Liberty Is Essential PAC.

A stylized logo featuring a yellow flame and three yellow stars above the word "LIBERTY" in large, bold, yellow letters. Below "LIBERTY" is the word "IS" in yellow and "ESSENTIAL" in blue, all set within a dark blue, rounded rectangular background.

LIBERTY IS ESSENTIAL

DON'T BLAME ME:

I voted for



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You Can't Just Blame Holcomb Now

When Governor Holcomb issued the Emergency Declaration on March 6, 2020, the Indiana General Assembly was coming to the end of their session. The members of the General Assembly could do little more than express their concern over his actions from March 2020 until November 2020. They had no legal means of intervening for the citizens of Indiana once they realized what the Governor was going to do, if they desired to do so.

On Organization Day in November 2020, Representatives Curt Nisly and John Jacob submitted HCR 2, a resolution to terminate the public health emergency first declared on March 6, 2020. The Speaker of the House, Todd Huston, sent the resolution to the House Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee, chaired by Representative Daniel Leonard. Chairman Daniel Leonard never gave the resolution a hearing. As a matter of fact, four separate resolutions (HCR 2, HCR 4, HCR 15, and HCR 18) to terminate the public health emergency first declared on March 6, 2020, were submitted. Chairman Daniel Leonard refused to give any of them a hearing in committee.

During the 2021 legislative session, the Indiana General Assembly had numerous opportunities to end the Emergency Declaration; however, Indiana is still under an Emergency Declaration. The Indiana General Assembly passed legislation giving themselves the authority to call a special session in the event of an extended Emergency Declaration. No special session has been called. They could have repealed the law that gave him the power to act unilaterally, but they chose not to do so.

Except for Representatives Nisly and Jacob, the members of the Indiana General Assembly have proven that they simply align themselves with the Governor and agree with his actions since March 6, 2020. They have shown by their lack of action that they support everything that Governor Holcomb has done. Remember, actions speak louder than words. Regardless of what they say, most of the members of the Indiana General Assembly have placed their stamp of approval on Governor Holcomb's handling of the pandemic.

The Governor is no longer the sole person responsible for the intended and unintended consequences of his executive orders. The Indiana General Assembly must now be held responsible as complicit with the Governor in destroying small businesses and family finances across the Hoosier State. Yes, Governor Holcomb swung the axe, but the Indiana General Assembly had the power to take it from him and they made no legitimate effort to do it.

We must hold the members of the Indiana General Assembly, especially Representative Todd Huston and Representative Daniel Leonard, responsible for their inaction. They must be voted out of office and replaced by citizen-servants who place individual rights above partisan political expediency.

It is time for change in Indiana. Will you be part of the change?

In Liberty,
Donald Rainwater

Jeff Maurer Seeks Libertarian Nomination for Indiana Secretary of State in 2022

Dear Fellow Hoosiers:

Are you ready to take the first step in fixing our broken election system in Indiana?

I am supporting Jeff Maurer for Indiana Secretary of State and encourage you to support him as well. Jeff was a major volunteer to my campaign for Indiana Governor in 2020. He has my full endorsement and I will be a major volunteer to his campaign in 2022.

Join me in supporting Jeff Maurer by visiting his website and donating to his campaign at <https://secure.anedot.com/f4e4317e-b476-43ab-a761.../donate>.

Also, you can view Jeff's proposals for ethical redistricting at www.rethinkredistricting.com.

I will be voting for Jeff Maurer for Indiana Secretary of State and I hope you will too.

In Liberty,
Donald Rainwater

Executive Director, Liberty Is Essential PAC
2020 Libertarian Party Candidate for Indiana Governor



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1st Annual Kosciusko Liberty Fest



On August 14, 2021, the Libertarian Party of Kosciusko county held its 1st Annual Liberty Fest.

Executive Director, Donald Rainwater, joined several speakers, including Chairman of the Libertarian Party of Indiana, Evan McMahon, at the Syracuse Community Center Park.

Along with the Kosciusko community, the local LP discussed getting the state government out of healthcare, insurance, education, the 2nd amendment, and how Hoosiers and their money are being held hostage by the Republican super-monopoly.

Don't worry, there was fun for the whole family with face paintings, a corn hole tournament, and grilled goods as well!

Thank you Kosciusko LP for inviting Liberty Is Essential to join you!

If you are in Kosciusko county, you can learn more about the Libertarian Party of Kosciusko County by contacting Cassie Rolon, County Chair at: kosciusko@lpin.org or on Facebook - [@LPKosciusko](https://www.facebook.com/LPKosciusko)



Podcast Update Governor Holcomb and the New Health Commission

On August 18, 2021, Governor Eric Holcomb signed an executive order and announced he is establishing a 15-member Public Health Commission which will be responsible for examining Indiana's public health system and make recommendations to the Indiana General Assembly in order to prepare for budgetary changes year-over-year.

To hear Don's message and review of this new commission, please click on the image below.



We will never have true liberty until we embrace individual responsibility.

The more things we expect the government to do, the more authority the government demands to do those things.

The individual who is responsible for the consequences must be the one making the decisions.

Government isn't responsible for the consequences of their decisions in your life, you are; therefore, they shouldn't be making the decisions in your life, you should.

Education Choice Is Not An Option, It is A Responsibility

Your Republican-supermajority Indiana state government and the Indiana Republican Party are bragging that they are "making record investments" in education in Indiana. What does that really mean to Hoosier children and Hoosier taxpayers?

Well, first, let's look at the phrase "making record investments". An investment is made expecting a return or ROI (Return on Investment). The Indiana state government has a recent history of telling us that our state's government education system has failed. Governor Holcomb has said publicly that Hoosiers are not prepared to fill the high-tech jobs in Indiana. We are being told that children graduate Indiana's government schools without the mathematics and language arts skills to be career-ready or college-ready. So, if the Republican-controlled Indiana state government has failed to achieve the proper ROI on the taxpayer money that it invested in the past, why should we expect a better result from the historic \$1.9 billion in new spending that they have planned over the next two years?

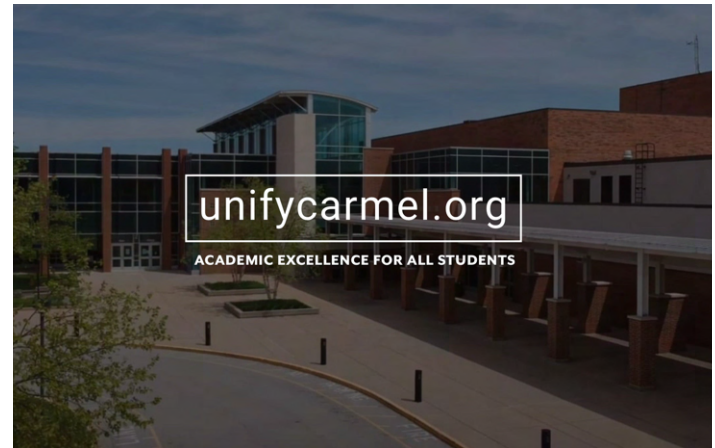
Additionally, if our government and its schools admit to failure, why are we still allowing our hard-earned money to be taken from us and spent by this group of failures? Why do we continue to send our children into government schools that are unable to prepare them for college or career by their own admittance?

Would you continue to employ a financial advisor or investment broker who told you that you weren't getting a return on the investments that they were choosing for you? Of course not, if you value your hard-earned money and the goals you had set for those investments.

Then why do we continue to allow a failed government-controlled and mandated education system to squander our investment in our children? Isn't it time to change who is investing our money? Perhaps we should control our own investments in our children's future.

Educational choice is not an option. It is a responsibility.

Unify Carmel



During public comments at the Carmel Clay School board meeting, parents from [Unify Carmel](https://unifycarmel.org) read a series of [sexually explicit books](#) that were found in the school library.

Unify Carmel is a parent-led group in Carmel, Indiana built to fight political indoctrination and sexual grooming. Their goal is to return the focus of public schools to high rigor academics and leave everything else to parents at home. To learn more about their [mission](#) and how you can [support](#) them, please [sign-up](#) and share with your community.

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Mission of Liberty Is Essential

The mission of Liberty Is Essential PAC is to promote individual liberty and constitutionally-limited government in the state of Indiana and it's 92 counties.

Vision of Liberty Is Essential

The vision of Liberty Is Essential PAC is to elect and appoint government officials throughout Indiana who prioritize Life, Liberty, Property, and the pursuit of Happiness, as defined by the individual, instead of special interests and partisanship.

<https://libertyisessential.us>

Introducing Jeff Maurer for Secretary of State 2022



Jeff Maurer is seeking the Libertarian nomination for Indiana Secretary of State in 2022.

Jeff is an entrepreneur whose career spans tech, transportation, and budget and finance. He serves as a development officer for Students For Liberty, the largest pro-liberty student organization which champions free markets and free speech around the world.

Born in New York City, Jeff grew up on Long Island, graduating from Long Beach High School in 2000. He then graduated from Washington University in St. Louis in 2004 with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Jeff has a life-long passion for community service and servant leadership, and served his Long Island community as a volunteer firefighter and officer for more than a dozen years.

In 2013, Jeff chose to move to Indiana for a better quality of life, after being exhausted by the corrupt politics, big government, and high taxes of New York.

Jeff lives in Carmel, Indiana, and is a Hoosier by choice. He continues to serve the Carmel community on both the Economic Development Commission and the Home Place Advisory Board.

Follow Jeff and his campaign at:
www.maurerforindiana.com

Election Integrity and Rethinking Redistricting

One of the most important steps we can take toward ensuring that voters select their representatives instead of politicians selecting their voters is redistricting.

The integrity and ethics of the redistricting process has long been corrupted by gerrymandering. It is time to stop this in Indiana.

The site www.rethinkredistricting.com contains information and proposals that represent a solid first step toward fixing our broken election system in Indiana.



Holli Sullivan, Can She Be Trusted?

This is Eric J Holcomb's current appointee for Indiana Secretary of State, Holli Sullivan. She is the Vice Chair of the Indiana Republican Party.

One of the first things she did when she assumed her office was violate Indiana campaign finance law, which the Indiana Secretary of State is responsible for overseeing.

If Holly Sullivan violates Indiana campaign finance law as soon as she assumes office, how can she be trusted with Indiana's election integrity?

<https://www.14news.com/.../ap-holli-sullivan-violates.../>



Support Jeff Maurer for Indiana Secretary of State. Donate today at
<https://secure.anedot.com/f4e4317e-b476-43ab-a761.../donate>.



Have you joined the new Liberty Is Essential online community?

Liberty Is Essential's online community is a great way to network with liberty-minded people who are interested in reducing the size and scope of government.

Our platform is a place where you are welcome to express your thoughts and ideas without fear of being banned or blocked for disagreeing on an issue. While not everyone who joins our social network community will agree on every issue, we believe the exchange of ideas and respectful debate are healthy. With that said, we do hope our members will refrain from personal attacks and vicious rhetoric that have made other social media platforms unpleasant and counterproductive.

Liberty Is Essential PAC believes in preserving the right to unabridged speech and will not censor or cancel speech with which we disagree or do not like. We are dedicated to working to defend your right to speak freely on this platform.

We hope this social network community will entertain, inform and educate us all. Are you ready to join Donald Rainwater, Liberty Is Essential, and other liberty-minded Hoosiers at [Liberty Is Essential \(mn.co\)](https://libertyisessential.com)?

Thank you for joining us. We look forward to building out our community with you.

Team Liberty Is Essential

We Need Your Help!

We are seeking individuals who are looking to write content, fund raise, and assist with outreach projects.

If interested, please connect with us at:

<https://libertyisessential.us/contact>

We can't wait to meet you!

Become A Loyal Torch Bearer!

The September 2021 online fundraising goal is \$3000.
To sustain our work and to continue to provide resources for candidates in upcoming election cycles, Liberty Is Essential PAC needs your financial support.

Let's not waste another moment saying,
"If only we had started earlier".

Donate today!

www.libertyisessential.us/donate

Your Support Is Essential!

"SUCCESS SHOULD BE MEASURED ON
HOW FREE YOU ARE."

UPCOMING EVENTS ACROSS THE STATE

SEPTEMBER 3-6: PARAGON HOMECOMING FESTIVAL

Location: Town of Paragon

Address: Union Street, Paragon, IN 46166

Time: 5:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Price: Free

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

Visit <https://signup.com/Group/57824872057/> to sign up for volunteer opportunities

SEPTEMBER 10-12, 2021: MONROVIA FESTIVAL

Location: Town of Monrovia

Address: 140 E. Main Street, Monrovia, IN 46157

Time: 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM

Visit link for more event information:

[MONROVIA FESTIVAL AND CIVIC ASSOCIATION - Home](#)

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

Visit <https://signup.com/Group/57824872057/> to sign up for volunteer opportunities

SEPTEMBER 11, 2021: EMINENCE HARVEST FESTIVAL

Location: Eminence, Indiana

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

Visit <https://signup.com/Group/57824872057/> to sign up for volunteer opportunities

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2021: JONESBORO RIVER RALLY

Location: Jonesboro, IN

Address: Main Street, Jonesboro, IN 46938

Time: Gates open Friday, September 24th at 11:00 AM

Donald Rainwater and Liberty Is Essential will be attending the festival on Saturday, September 25th.

Time TBD. Please check our social media and website for updates.

[Liberty Is Essential PAC Upcoming Events](#)

OCTOBER 7-10, 2021: FALL FOLIAGE FESTIVAL

Location: Courthouse Square

Address: Main Street, Martinsville, IN 46151

Time: 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Visit [Fall Foliage Festival \(morgancountyfallfoliagefestival.com\)](https://morgancountyfallfoliagefestival.com) for full event details.

Libertarian Party of Morgan County will be participating.

Visit <https://signup.com/Group/57824872057/> to sign up for volunteer opportunities

Do you have an event you would like Liberty Is Essential to attend or would like to share it with a large community of liberty-minded Hoosiers? If so, please reach out to Stephanie Dasbach at: stephanie@libertyisessential.com.

We look forward to seeing you!

Stay Connected



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