

# THE TORCH

*The Official Newsletter of Liberty Is Essential PAC.*



## Who Represents You?

Since Organization Day of the 2021 Indiana General Assembly on November 17, 2020, the priorities of the Republican legislative caucus have been obvious.

On four separate occasions HCR 2, HCR 4, HCR 15, and HCR 18 resolutions have been introduced to terminate the public health emergency first declared by Governor Holcomb on March 6, 2020. Each one of these resolutions were assigned to the House Rules and Legislative Procedures Committee by Speaker of the House Todd Huston. Each time these resolutions were assigned to the committee, the committee chair, Representative Daniel Leonard, buried the resolutions by refusing to schedule them for a hearing, ensuring Governor Holcomb would continue to be able to renew his public health emergency declarations indefinitely.

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## Rememberance Ceremony For Those Lost Due to Executive Orders

On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, Liberty Is Essential hosted an event at Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis.

The crowd was estimated at approximately 60 citizens who attended to bring attention to the thousands of Hoosiers who died in the past 12 months due to Indiana government deciding who is essential and who is not.

We would like to thank our friends Will Henry, Pastor Mark Powell, and Libertarian Party of Indiana Chairperson Evan McMahon for their participation in this event, as well as, the numerous supporters who traveled from across the state to attend.

On February 4, 2021, the House Public Health Committee voted to pass HB 1434 (Cigarette tax and e-liquids tax) to the House Ways and Means Committee. The tax increase on cigarettes and new tax on e-liquids was passed by the House Ways and Means Committee and included in HB 1001, State Budget. 17 members of the Indiana House of Representatives who signed the Americans for Reform Taxpayer Protection Pledge actually voted to pass HB 1001 with these taxes included.

On March 16, 2021, the House Veterans Affairs and Public Safety Committee passed and referred to the House Ways and Means Committee SB 316, which includes a provision giving authority to the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs to take 10%, annually, out of the Military Family Relief Fund to pay for “marketing and promotion of the fund”. This bill is ultimately allowing state bureaucrats to take money out of a charitable fund intended to help veterans and their families during economic crisis.

All these legislative actions, along with dozens of others, clearly illustrate that the members of the Indiana General Assembly simply do not represent the citizens of the State of Indiana. These elected officials follow the direction of the Indiana Republican Party leadership and do as they are told to do.

We, The People of the State of Indiana, must do a better job of educating our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers regarding the condition of our state government and the immediate need for change in how we select those for whom we cast our vote. The 2022 local, county, and state elections are closer than you think. We must start today, if we are to be the change we need and desire in the Hoosier State!

In Liberty,

*Donald Rainwater*

*We need candidates who are liberty minded and who want to protect the constitution and the citizens.*



Photos by William Henry

LIBERTY + HUMANITARIANISM

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LIBERTARIANISM



# How Can You Help Bring Liberty Back To Hoosiers?

## YOUR TIME

Individual time and passion go a long way to restoring Hoosier liberties and a constitutionally-limited government in Indiana. Every day we are making phone calls, sending emails, texts, and letters to our legislators and you can help!

## YOUR TALENTS

Talents come in many varieties. Sharing yours can help bring about great change. We're continuously on the lookout for writers, artists, and advocates of all kinds.

## SPACE

Spaces such as homes, businesses, and warehouses provide an opportunity for conversation and spreading the mission of Liberty Is Essential.

If you have an ideal place for meeting, reach out today!

## BECOME A CANDIDATE

We are continuously working to recruit new liberty-minded candidates to run for offices in Indiana. We offer training and support for those who are passionate for liberty.

## SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

## CREATE AWARENESS

Contacting your local paper or news about community concerns or spreading the mission and vision of Liberty Is Essential with your friends, family and neighbors..that's grassroots Hoosier advocacy!

## PARTNER WITH US

Outside of time, cash is the most useful thing you can donate. This allows our operations to allocate funds to where they're really needed. It allows our team to develop new, innovative outreach opportunities, such as radio and television programming, as well as a Liberty Is Essential social networking platform. Through innovation and collaboration, we believe we can exponentially increase public awareness and engagement in our mission.



Photo by Evan McMahon

## Vernon, IN Election

March 1, 2021

On Wednesday, February 24, 2021, Liberty Is Essential PAC sent a Get Out The Vote (GOTV) mailer to over 100 households in Vernon, Indiana, for the election on Monday, March 1, 2021.

On Sunday, February 28, 2021, Donald Rainwater, Executive Director of Liberty Is Essential PAC joined Libertarian Party candidates and party officers to go door-to-door to meet registered voters in Vernon, Indiana.

On Monday, March 1, 2021, Donald Rainwater again joined Libertarian Party candidates and party officers at the polling location to greet voters.

In the 2019 election in Vernon, Indiana, the voter turnout was 27 voters. On March 1, 2021, the voter turnout was 85 voters.

Liberty Is Essential PAC made a positive impact on voter turnout in Vernon, Indiana.

### ***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.*

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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.*

## Podcast Recap

Since February 9, 2021

*Access any podcast by clicking on episode link*

- **February 16, 2021: Episode 4** - Discussion around Americans for Tax Reform (www.atr.org), The Taxpayer Protection Pledge, and the members of the Indiana General Assembly who have taken the pledge.
- **February 17, 2021: Episode 5** - Discussion of IC 16-20-1-24, Senate Bill 407 which modifies it, and Article 1 Section 31 of the Indiana State Constitution. The unconstitutional authority of health department officials over churches.
- **February 27, 2021: Episode 6** - Discussion of the tax increases on cigarettes and e-liquids in the state budget passed this week by the Indiana House of Representatives and the 16 state representatives who violated the Taxpayer Protection Pledge by voting for those taxes as part of the budget.
- **March 4, 2021: Episode 7** - A discussion of Indiana State Department of Health data reporting, specifically in relation to drug overdose deaths in Indiana January 2019 through December 2020, including a discussion around why drug overdose deaths in Indiana continue to increase when so much taxpayer funding is being spent on programs that seem to be failing.
- **March 11, 2021: Episode 8** - A discussion of Governor Holcomb's press conference on March 10, 2021 and why we must apply pressure to our state representatives or this will not end anytime soon.
- **March 12, 2021: Episode 9** - A discussion of the inconsistent and convenient change of opinion by Governor Holcomb regarding the Indiana General Assembly and their "infinite wisdom".
- **March 13, 2021: Episode 10** - A discussion on Senate Bill 316, which includes a provision for the Indiana Department of Veteran's Affairs to take 10% of the Military Family Relief Fund for "marketing and promotion of the fund".
- **March 16, 2021: Episode 11** - Discussion around Senate Bill 316 hearing in the Indiana House Committee on Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, among other things.
- **March 20, 2021: Episode 12** - A Call To Action on HB 1369, which repeals the law that requires a person to obtain a license to carry a handgun. This is the Constitutional Carry bill and the State Senate is evidently attempting to kill it.
- **March 23, 2021: Episode 13** - A discussion around Governor Holcomb's address to Hoosiers on 3/23/2021.

### ***Fundraising Goals:***

***The April 2021 online fundraising goal is \$3500.***

***To sustain our work against the elite political establishment in Indiana, Liberty Is Essential PAC needs your financial support. Will you donate \$25, \$50, \$100 or more today to contribute to this critically important effort?***

***Are you interested in becoming a loyal monthly donor?***

***Would you like to advertise your business or purchase space in our upcoming newsletter and YouTube series? Ask us how!***

***You can donate today at [www.libertyisessential.us/donate](http://www.libertyisessential.us/donate)***

***Your Support Is Essential!***

### **Upcoming Events**

- Montezuma Election  
November 2021
- Continued fight for  
liberty