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Press Statement

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The Indiana Institute for Working Families Expresses Gratitude to Governor Holcomb for His Veto of SEA 148

Today, Governor Holcomb answered the calls of a broad coalition to veto SEA 148. Jessica Fraser, Director of Indiana Institute for Working Families, said:

“The Indiana Institute for Working Families expresses deep appreciation for Governor Holcomb’s decision to send changes to Indiana’s landlord-tenant laws back to the drawing board. Compared to renters in other states, Indiana renters are already at a significant disadvantage in terms of their rights and recourse when they encounter a bad landlord. Because housing stability and quality are so fundamental to families’ abilities to hold down jobs, perform well in school, and maintain health, we should be looking at how balance the rights of tenants and landlords in ways that promote housing stability and reduce evictions.

Doing that requires a thoughtful, deliberative process. This did not occur in the 2020 session.

Renters and mobile home owners in Indiana have needs that can and should be addressed. We look forward to engaging with lawmakers during the 2021 session about how to create fair landlord-tenant laws that balance interests and promote strong Hoosier families and communities.”

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