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Advance America Opposes Destruction of Religious Freedom Restoration Act

[Indianapolis, IN] Eric Miller, the Founder and Executive Director of Advance America announced their strong opposition to the proposed drastic change to Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"The Indiana General Assembly should not destroy in less than 36 hours the Religious Freedom Restoration Act that took over 65 days to go through the legislative process earlier this year," Miller stated.

The members of the Indiana Senate and Indiana House of Representatives are scheduled to vote on a conference committee report to Senate Bill 50 on Thursday, April 2nd that carries language drastically changing and undermining the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

"It is wrong for the senators and representatives to vote on a bill that has been written in the last few hours behind closed doors and out of sight of the public. It is wrong for the senators and representatives to make a sham of the legislative process and vote on this bill that has never had one public committee hearing in the Senate or the House."

"The proposed change to Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act is not a "fix" but a hammer to destroy religious freedom for Hoosiers around the state – and it was all done behind closed doors!"

The proposed conference committee report will remove religious freedom protection from Hoosier businesses that they presently have in Indiana law.

If the conference committee report is adopted, Christian bakers, florists and photographers would no longer have the benefit of Indiana law to help protect them from being forced by the government to participate in a homosexual wedding.

Likewise, A Christian business owner would no longer have the benefit of Indiana law to help protect him from being forced to permit a male cross-dresser to use the women's restroom and women's shower area.

Therefore if the proposed conference committee report is adopted by the General Assembly Hoosier businesses would have less protection for religious freedom than businesses in the majority of other states.

Miller concluded, "In view of the fact that the public has been shut out of the legislative process with regard to the proposed change to the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, the General Assembly should defeat the proposed conference committee report."

ORGANIZATION BACKGROUND:

Eric Miller, an attorney, founded Advance America in 1980 with a handful of other individuals. Presently, Advance America is the largest grassroots network of Hoosiers supporting traditional values along with pro-family and pro-church issues. Eric has provided educational resources to hundreds of thousands of Hoosier citizens including educational seminars for students and adults, citizen rallies at the Indiana State House, along with non-partisan Voter Guides and Voting Records for over three decades. Advance America is a non-partisan, educational organization that does not endorse any candidate or political party.

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