PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!
BILL: Senate Bill 487  
AUTHOR: Senator Tim Lanane  
SUBJECT: SB 487 would add sexual orientation and gender identity to the Indiana civil rights law. SB 487 would give the government the authority to punish a business owner like a florist, a baker or a photographer who refuses to participate in a same sex wedding ceremony because they believe marriage is only to be between one man and one woman.

Religious freedom should be protected and not attacked in Indiana. If the government can punish a business owner for their beliefs then the next step would be to punish a pastor and a church.

STATUS: SB 487 was assigned to the Judiciary Committee.

ACTION: If you support protecting religious freedom in Indiana, call or email your state senator with the following message: “Please Vote No on Senate Bill 487 to protect religious freedom in Indiana.” Senate phone numbers: 1-317-232-9400 and 1-800-382-9467.

PROTECTING CHURCHES FROM BEING TAXED!
BILL: Senate Bill 467  
AUTHOR: Senator Jim Buck  
SUBJECT: SB 467 would permit a local unit of government to tax churches by giving them the authority to impose a public safety user fee. Churches should not be taxed in Indiana.

Advance America will continue to lead the effort to protect churches from being taxed.

Taxing churches would harm churches and hurt their ability to carry out their ministry in their community. This means families would be harmed as well.

Whether the legislation deals with user fees (like SB 467) to be assessed against churches, or a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT), or churches are assessed property taxes directly, the result is the same – churches would be taxed.

STATUS: SB 467 was assigned to the Committee on Local Government.

ACTION: If you want to protect churches from being taxed, call or email your state senator with the following message: “Please Vote No on Senate Bill 467 to protect churches from being taxed.” Senate phone numbers: 1-317-232-9400 and 1-800-382-9467.

PRO-LIFE!
BILL: Senate Bill 118  
AUTHOR: Senator Dennis Kruse  
SUBJECT: SB 118 would require an abortion provider to perform an ultrasound at least 48 hours before an abortion could be performed; and advise the woman seeking an abortion about the ultrasound of her unborn baby and require her to view the ultrasound and listen to the baby’s heartbeat if it is audible.

STATUS: SB 118 was assigned to the Committee on Health and Provider Services.

ACTION: If you support helping to protect unborn children, call or email your state senator with the following message: “Please Vote Yes for Senate Bill 118 to help protect unborn children.” Senate phone numbers: 1-317-232-9400 and 1-800-382-9467.
PROTECTING CHURCHES FROM GOVERNMENT CONTROL!

**SUBJECT:** Churches in Indiana are currently free to operate their various ministries without government control. Churches are of course required to meet fire codes and sanitation requirements. But the government should not be able to tell a church who they can hire, what they can teach and how they operate! This includes all of the ministries of the church including: a child care ministry, Vacation Bible School, day camp, Sunday school, Christian school, etc. Unfortunately, some legislators want to take away this freedom churches have enjoyed for generations! Advance America will continue to lead the effort at the State House to protect churches!

PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION!

**SUBJECT:** In 2011 Indiana passed the most expansive school choice law in the Nation. Every child deserves the opportunity to get a first class education and every parent deserves the opportunity to be able to choose where their child will be educated so they can succeed in life. That’s what school choice is all about. Advance America supported the original legislation in 2011 and supports expanding the current school choice law so more parents can choose where to educate their child.

PROTECTING CHRISTIAN AND HOMESCHOOLS!

**SUBJECT:** Parents in Indiana should be able to choose where their child will receive their education. This includes a public school, a charter school, a Christian school or a homeschool. Christian schools and homeschools are currently free to operate in Indiana. Unfortunately, not every legislator supports this current freedom for Christian schools and homeschoools. Advance America will, as we have for over 30 years, continue to lead the effort at the State House for Christian schools and homeschoools.

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