



Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties

The Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties Announces Opposition to Holcombs' Hand Picked Chair

Hathaway Nomination Raises Alarm Bells Among Conservatives

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (August 28, 2023) — The Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties, a group representing grassroots conservatives across the state, has declared its opposition to Governor Holcomb's nominee for Indiana GOP State Chair. Given the Governor's track record, the Coalition doubts his ability to nominate a candidate who genuinely embodies conservative principles.

The Coalition believes that Governor Holcomb's track record does not represent conservative Republican principles as stated in the Indiana GOP Platform. Gov. Holcomb used his self granted emergency powers to shut down struggling businesses, and he attempted to unilaterally enforce criminal penalties for mask non-compliance,¹ revealing himself to be at odds with the tenets of limited government and individual liberty. His administration attempted to inject woke gender ideology into state agencies,² and he vetoed HB1041, which protected young girls from transgender athletes,³ raising alarm bells among social conservatives. We cannot allow someone who is so out of line with our values to choose the next leader of the party.

Anne Hathaway's background also draws skepticism from conservatives. Hathaway Strategies, Mrs. Hathaway's political consulting and lobbying firm has been involved in lobbying for a number of anti-conservative policies including tax hikes⁴. Furthermore, Hathaway co-chaired the platform committee in 2012, which saw monogamous heterosexual marriage silently removed from the Republican Platform⁵. These raise concerns about her commitment to the values expressed in the current Platform of the Indiana Republican Party.

The Coalition of Central Indiana Tea Parties believes that the leadership of the Indiana GOP must steadfastly uphold conservative principles. The nomination of a State Chair is a pivotal decision that demands alignment with the core values of the Republican Party. The coalition calls for someone to step up that will work to advance conservative values of individual liberty and freedom, federalism, fiscal responsibility, limited government, family values, and all those expressed in the Platform of the Republican Party.

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¹<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/indiana-governor-drops-mask-violator-penalty-after-criticism/2311029/>

²<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2019/03/12/indiana-drivers-licenses-now-have-x-gender-option/3138447002/>

³<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/education/2022/05/24/transgender-girls-school-sports-bill-law-despite-governor-holcombs-veto/9794587002/>

⁴<https://www.facebook.com/HathawayHQ/posts/pfbid0CSmaNTAArQ8qE3LEx9pgr89wJWt12D7MFyVFyxc7tkJuF1vwSuXm9JSt54rKnwpil>

⁵https://www.indiana.gop/sites/default/files/2012_Platform_Final.pdf