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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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The Honorable Todd Huston
Speaker
Indiana House of Representatives
200 W. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Speaker Huston:

By the power vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana pursuant to the provisions of Article 5, Section 14, of the Constitution of the State of Indiana, I do hereby veto House Enrolled Act No. 1002 ("HEA 1002") enacted during the Second Regular Session of the 123rd General Assembly (2024).

While I applaud the General Assembly's effort to address and define antisemitism, I cannot agree with the outcome. The language that emerged in the final days of the session fails to incorporate the entire International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance ("IHRA") definition and its important contemporary examples. Additionally, the confusing language included in the bill could be read to *exclude* those examples. Therefore, I must veto HEA 1002.

However, I also refuse to leave a void as to Indiana's stance on antisemitism. That is why I am happy to share that I have also signed a proclamation reiterating that Indiana condemns all forms of antisemitism and ensures we join numerous states and countries by supporting the entire IHRA definition with its inextricable examples. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Holcomb", written over a horizontal line.

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor