



Chairman Smith Refuses to Budge, Kills HB1014

Despite receiving hundreds if not thousands of calls and messages asking him to do his job and call HB 1014 for a vote, Rep. Milo Smith, as chairman of the House Elections Committee, has killed our hopes for redistricting reform this session. It is sobering that one person has the power to stop such an important bill but that's the way it works at the State House.

But there are a lot of positives that came from HB 1014. The Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce testified in support, which will help us organize more support from the business community. The tremendous outpouring of public support was truly amazing – I have heard about one committee member who was unsure about how he would vote until he saw the large crowd and heard the testimony- it's too bad he didn't get the opportunity.

Stay tuned for more training sessions scheduled for weekends and evenings. We are also looking at taking the show on the road. Which town wants to be the first to host a citizen lobbyist training?

Let's stay focused and keep our eye on the prize – an end to gerrymandering in Indiana before 2021. Thanks for all you are doing to get us there.

We encourage you to draft a citizen letter to the editor to your local paper each month calling attention to the redistricting reform. We need to maintain ongoing vocal public attention to this issue. Contact your legislators in both Houses to remind them that they are elected officials and are in service to the public and need to listen to this call for redistricting reform.

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