



Cass County Republican Central Committee  
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Senator Todd Young  
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Washington, DC 20510

RE: Letter of Censure

Dear Senator Young,

During our recent monthly Precinct meeting your vote on the “Respect for Marriage Act” was discussed. Unfortunately, it is because of your vote that the Cass County Republican Central Committee voted to send you this letter of censure. Please know that this letter will be sent to every Indiana Republican Chairman requesting their counties to send their own letters to you as well. This was not a decision that was made abruptly nor without a large amount of discussion. Your decision elicited feelings of anger, disbelief and even a sense of betrayal. We are not just fiscal conservatives, but social conservatives as well.

Your opinion piece published in the Indianapolis Star on November 30 only confirmed our concerns that you have departed from the deeply held views of the vast majority of your fellow Hoosiers. The Republican party of Indiana endorsed your running as a Republican Senator from our great state with the belief that we could entrust you with representing our values. On this matter (regarding same-sex marriage), you had previously stated that you felt matters like this were best handled by the States, not in the Federal venue. Now we find – right after we endorsed and voted for you in November– that you’ve changed your mind.

Using the feigned concern generated by the progressive left in the wake of the June decision overturning Roe v. Wade as cover, you have joined the radical left in pushing this unnecessary bill, which will have a chilling effect on religious freedom and further undermine the traditional family. In fact, the “Respect for Marriage Act” will do nothing to change the status of same-sex “marriage” or the benefits given to them by the 2015 Obergefell decision.

This bill enshrines and codifies in Federal law an incorrect understanding of marriage, further embedding it in the American legal fabric. It will enable and encourage litigation against those who disagree and hold a traditional understanding of the union. It opens the door to further degradation of marriage such as recognition of polygamous relationships. It risks the tax-exempt status of nonprofits who follow their sincerely held religious belief that marriage is between one man and one woman. And most troublingly, it will threaten litigation and liability for those faith-based service organizations that follow their views on marriage and family when contracting with the government, and will make their cases for free speech and religious freedom harder to win.

The Cass County Republican Party embraced and supported you when you ran to replace Senator Coats, and in your recent reelection campaign against Tom McDermott. We believed your pledges that you would support and advance our values in Washington. Your recent actions are a departure from those promises, and a betrayal of Cass County citizens and all Hoosiers who have given you, their support.



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We want a Republican Senator to represent our positions in the Senate. We appreciate the fact that in the 112th Congress you voted with Republicans 95% of the time. We appreciate your opposition to abortion and your support of the right to bear arms, but this vote, on your part, could destroy support for you across a wide spectrum of Republican voters.

Say what you will about the “protections” for religious groups embedded in this bill, many of us have grown suspicious of Democrat assurances honoring faith. Depending upon who is in power, such assurances can quickly become nothing more than mere words written on paper.

Respectfully,

David Richey

Chairman of the Cass County Republican Committee

cc: All Indiana County Republican Chairmen