## INDIANA STATE REP. WILL NOT RENOUNCE HIS BIGOTRY

The following is an open letter to Indiana state lawmakers about one of their Republican colleagues who refuses to renounce his bigotry:

Dear Indiana Legislators:

On November 19, I contacted Indiana state Representative John Jacob, asking him to renounce a series of anti-Catholic remarks he made while running for office, pledging never to make them again. I gave him to the end of the month, November 30, to "put an end to this issue" (my letter was sent via email and in the overnight mail). He has not replied.

To see a sample of his bigoted commentary, posted on social media platforms, click <u>here</u>.

There is no legitimate place for someone like Jacob in public office. Anyone who would post anti-Catholic hate speech on social media is not fit to represent his Catholic constituency. Hopefully, you will read his bigoted posts and let him know of your disdain for his behavior.

Furthermore, I am requesting that Republican lawmakers, beginning with House Speaker Todd Huston, not to include Jacob in the Republican caucus. Had Jacob made these invidious remarks while in office, I would have asked that he be censured. At the very least, he should now be marginalized by his colleagues.

Sincerely,

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Contact Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston (R) asking him to lead the way in barring Jacob from the Republican caucus: <u>h37@iga.in.gov</u>