



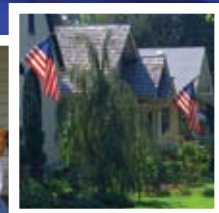
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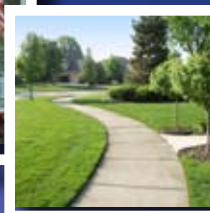
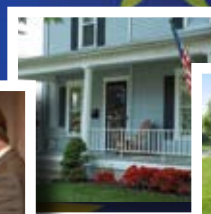
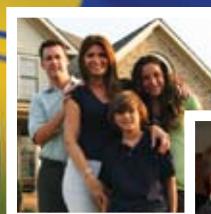
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Taxpayers are Winners in New State Budget

I believe the new state budget, based on solid, common-sense principles, is a success for Hoosier taxpayers and public education.

The budget is a bipartisan compromise, receiving support from Democrats and Republicans alike. Sound fiscal principles and practical solutions remained an important influence. It is a success, I believe, because:

- No general tax increases.
- Maintains at least \$1 billion in state reserves.
- Uses one-time federal stimulus money responsibly, including statewide infrastructure and university construction projects.
- It does not deplete trust funds or other dedicated money for operating expenses.

My colleagues and I outlined those standards early in the process and did not waver. While many states are cutting overall education spending, raising taxes or both, this budget does neither. It even promises more support for education through additional funding.

Statewide public education receives what I believe is continued support:

- K-12 education gained an average increase of 1.1 percent in calendar year 2010 and 0.3 percent in calendar year 2011.
- The Ivy Tech Community College network was given enhanced support, and bonding is authorized to fund 38 university capital projects throughout the state, including Purdue University and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.
 - The state's higher education scholarship grants program receives increases of 6 percent in fiscal year 2010 and 3 percent in fiscal year 2011.



I believe this is the right budget for Indiana right now, and that's why I voted for it.



Rep. Truitt on the House Floor.



Rep. Truitt speaking to a Purdue Alumni group at the Statehouse.

Tuition exemption for Purple Heart recipients

Senate Enrolled Act 39 grants all Hoosier Purple Heart recipients free tuition to state colleges and universities. Previous law provided tuition to those who received the Purple Heart after Sept. 10, 2001, and the children of all Purple Heart recipients.

Qualified immunity for teachers

I supported legislation that grants teachers qualified immunity for reasonable acts of discipline. This legislation removes a worry that prevented teachers from disciplining misbehaving students and allows teachers to maintain a safer environment for learning. It also adds possession of child pornography to the list of felonies for which teachers may lose their licenses.

Growing high-tech jobs

I supported tax incentives to help knowledge-based information technology companies invest in equipment and real estate. This should make it easier for companies to invest in Indiana and themselves, leading to more high-paying jobs across the state.

Property Tax Mortgage Deduction

I supported legislation so a taxpayer will never forget to file for a mortgage deduction. When buying a home, the closing agent will process a form when recording the deed that will serve as the application for the mortgage deduction. This makes the deduction process automatic for the taxpayer.

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