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NEWS RELEASE

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Bias Crime Informational Meeting: Sunday, February 17, 2019

As an enumerated and inclusive bias crime bill advances to a committee hearing in the Indiana Senate for this coming Monday, February 18 at 8:00 AM, local bias crime bill advocates plan an extended briefing opportunity for the media, the public, and our campus communities to learn about the bill, the legislative process, opportunities and challenges in the 2019 Indiana Legislative Session.

Date: Sunday, February 17, 2019

Time: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM EST

Location: The Center for Social Concerns at Geddes Hall at the University of Notre Dame. (Geddes Hall is just north west of the Hesburgh Main Library, park in adjacent lots of the library).

Indiana is one (1) of only five (5) states that does not provide any hate crime protection, leaving communities of color, LGBT+ individuals, and religious minorities, vulnerable and without access to justice. Panelists will include individuals from the Center for Social Concerns (coordinated by undergraduate students enrolled in a class titled, Advocacy for the Common Good), Mr. David Sklar, Executive Director of the Indiana Forward coalition, St. Joseph County Prosecutor Kenneth Cotter, South Bend Common Council member Jo M. Broden, Rabbi Karen Compane, and other guests. Bill co-sponsors Senator(s) Mike Bohacek, Senate District 8 and Ron Alting have not confirmed their participation, but a response is pending at the time of this release.

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