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**Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch 3053 Condemns Governor
Braun's Executive Order Eliminating DEI Initiatives in State
Government**

INDIANAPOLIS, IN — January 16, 2025—The Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch 3053 expresses profound disappointment with Governor Mike Braun's recent executive order to remove Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives within Indiana's state government. This action represents a significant regression in the ongoing struggle for equality in our state.

DEI initiatives have been instrumental in addressing systemic inequities, promoting inclusive workplaces, and ensuring access for historically marginalized communities. The elimination of these programs not only undermines decades of progress but also sends a disheartening message to these communities across Indiana.

The NAACP firmly believes diversity, equity, and inclusion are cornerstones of a just and fair society. By dismantling these initiatives, the state risks perpetuating disparities in public services, essentially reversing the hard-fought gains achieved by civil rights movements over the years. This decision is particularly troubling within the broader national context, as several states have enacted similar measures to curtail DEI initiatives.

The NAACP calls upon Governor Braun to reconsider this executive order and engage in meaningful dialogue with civil rights organizations, community leaders, and affected individuals. Together, we must develop policies that promote inclusivity and equal opportunity for all Hoosiers.

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About Greater Indianapolis NAACP

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Its mission is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP was founded in 1912. Throughout our 112-year history, we have



continued to fight for civil rights, particularly in the areas of job and housing discrimination. We have long sought to empower people through the ballot box and continue to vigorously defend voting rights and help register voters. We also urge the citizens of Indiana to stand in solidarity against divisive measures and advocate for the preservation and advancement of equality in our state.