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Press Statement

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Indiana Institute for Working Families Issues a Statement Regarding COVID-19 Relief for Struggling Families

Jessica Fraser, Director of the Indiana Institute for Working Families, offered the following comments on the President's decision to stop negotiating:

"We at the Indiana Institute for Working Families are extremely discouraged that the White House is walking away from negotiations to provide vital relief to families during this crisis. We have been watching troubling data continue to pour in and we have heard directly from Hoosier families about how the pandemic is affecting them. We are hearing from parents who cannot work due to school closures, workers with prior health conditions who are afraid for their safety, and families whose savings are running out or who are adding debt to stay afloat. Hoosiers are struggling!

More than half of Hoosier renters who responded to a recent Census survey reported that they are somewhat or very likely to be evicted next month. Nearly 40% of households with children reported some level of food insecurity in the last 7 days, and with increasingly weak job reports, 18% of respondents said they expect loss of employment income in the next 4 weeks.

Inaction will result in more evictions, more hunger, and more stress for Hoosier families. This crisis is far from over and the decision to stop working on a relief package is completely unacceptable. We all need to keep working together to put our differences aside and support Hoosier families."

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