

March 20, 2024

Mr. Rasmusen

Slides for Lauds Lobbying Talk

Always have a handout.

What is the government?

What does it do?

**How does the government
know what to do?**



To register to vote:

<https://indianavoters.in.gov/>

The next election is May 7.

Ask your father to take you to stand in line and watch.

What is a pothole?



**Here's where to report
a pothole:**

<https://bloomington.in.gov/ureport/streets-parking-and-traffic/25>



The Statehouse



Inside the Statehouse

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<https://indianacapitalchronicle.com/briefs/indiana-teachers-unions-rally-for-more-funding-a-stop-to-harmful-legislation/>



The Chamber of the House of Representatives



https://iga.in.gov/session/2024/video/committee_education_0400 2:00:52



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SB 202



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S.B. 202 (Senate Bill 202)

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2024/bills/senate/202/details>

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Link to a webpage with any other links I need:

https://www.Rasmusen.org/special/Cedars_School/lauds_lobbying.htm

15 min., 5 min questions

The two-page handout is on the next two slides.

March 19, 2024
Mr. Rasmusen, 345-8573

Lobbying Handout: How to Talk to the Government



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hour 2:02.

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February 14, 2024

Testimony of Eric Rasmusen on S.B. 202, Universities

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Otherwise, a university can say in its job ad that a DEI statement is optional--- but then quietly discard all applications lacking a DEI statement.

2. The sections on tenure and post-tenure review need drastic overhaul. As written, they provide too many pretexts for university faculty and administrators to persecute conservative professors. The problem will be selective enforcement: the University Administration will use the section against their enemies while ignoring its mandate as their friends do much worse things. Complaints will be put in files, but those files will not be read.

3. The sections on tenure and post-tenure review ignore non-tenure-track faculty, who may be 50% of all faculty. Nowadays, lots and lots of university teachers are both untenured and never come up for tenure. Called “Lecturers” or “Clinical Professors”, they are permanent, middle-aged, employees who just teach and don’t do research. The bill as written only applies to faculty tenure review or to faculty who have already achieved tenure, so it doesn’t cover the non-tenure-track faculty. This was surely an omission by mistake.

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