

## Letting Your Voice be Heard at the Polls

Is taking a brief amount of time this November 7 to cast a ballot in the general election a right or a responsibility? I adamantly contend that the answer is both.

Too many people work too hard and sacrifice too much for all of us to have the opportunity to participate in a democratic society. It's a freedom enjoyed in too few locations around the world. Taking time to be educated about the candidates and issues, as well as recording your vote on Election Day or beforehand, is the least each of us can do in response.



In looking at the upcoming general election, you can turn the pages to find:

- **The importance of employers communicating with employees about issues that are vital to the success of the organization and its workers.** Labor unions have been longtime experts at this tactic; individuals, however, want to hear from their company leaders as they strive to make the best choices at the polls.
- **A comprehensive preview of national and state issues,** courtesy of a roundtable discussion that includes political experts from Indianapolis and South Bend to North Carolina and Washington, D.C. Their opinions and insights are both revealing and intriguing.
- **How your visit to the polls will be different this November.** Voter identification requirements and new machines are among the changes, which also include implementation of a statewide voter registration system and other reforms intended to enhance the integrity of the election process.
- **A preview of what will be a closely contested battle for control of the Indiana House of Representatives.** The Chamber's Indiana Business for Responsive Government is, as always, actively working to ensure that a pro-business majority is in control of the lawmaking process. That will only take place with your assistance.

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