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Indiana Coalition Against Meth Making Meds Renews Call for Tougher Laws to Fight Meth

Columbia City Mayor Ryan Daniel Supports Prescription Requirement for Pseudoephedrine

INDIANAPOLIS – Members of the Indiana Coalition Against Meth Making Meds (ICAMMM) spoke in support of tough, proven legislation to make pseudoephedrine available by prescription only.

During an event at the Indiana State House Vanderburgh County Prosecutor Nick Hermann, Kendallville Police Chief Rob Wiley, Columbia City Mayor and President of Indiana Conference of Mayors Ryan Daniel, State Rep. Ben Smaltz (R-Auburn), and State Sen. Brent Steele (R-Bedford), all spoke in favor of passing legislation that will give Indiana a fighting chance in the war against meth.

Indiana remains at the top of the list of meth-making states and this distinction will have long-term effects on the quality of life Hoosiers expect and deserve. Mayor Ryan Daniel noted, “How can we attract the best talent and jobs to our cities and towns when everyday our newspapers are riddled with stories highlighting the side-effects of this meth epidemic? At some point our failure to act as a state will have consequences that reach beyond the already tragic public health and safety costs that currently exist.”

Echoing that sentiment were Representative Ben Smaltz, (R-Auburn) and Senator Brent Steele, (R-Bedford). The lawmakers also announced their intention to file legislation requiring a prescription for non-meth making resistant pseudoephedrine products, such as Nexafed and Zephrex D. This exception means that a legitimate user of pseudoephedrine products would not need a prescription to get the relief they need.

All speakers at the event noted that current NPLEX system used to track the sale of pseudoephedrine is not working and the time for action is now.

ICAMMM Members: Community Pharmacies of Indiana, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council, Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police, Indiana State Police, Indiana State Police Alliance, Indiana Drug Enforcement Association, Indiana Fire Chiefs Association, Indiana Public Defender Counsel, Indiana Association of Cities and Towns, Indiana Conference



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of Mayors, Local Health Department Managers Association of Indiana, Professional Fire Fighters Union of Indiana, TrueScripts, Hoosier Environmental Council

Indiana Coalition Against Meth Making Meds is a grassroots organization bound by the common goal of eliminating domestic meth labs in Indiana by legitimizing the sale of the main ingredient in the meth cooking process, pseudoephedrine.