



CASE SPOTLIGHT

Defending Associational Standing in Indiana

Citizens Action Coalition of Indiana and Vote Solar v. Duke Energy Indiana, LLC and Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission

CLC filed an amicus brief urging the Indiana Supreme Court to preserve organizations' ability to represent their members in court.

What's at Stake

The Indiana Supreme Court has accepted transfer of a utility-regulation appeal and specifically invited amicus briefing on whether Indiana should formally adopt the federal doctrine of associational standing. Associational standing allows organizations to bring claims on behalf of their members without requiring individual members to participate directly as named parties. This procedural tool is especially important in environmental cases, where harms are often diffuse, cumulative, and felt across communities.

CLC's Role

CLC coordinated and drafted a joint amicus brief on behalf of 12 Indiana organizations. The brief was filed on July 24, 2026, and urges the Court to formally adopt associational standing in Indiana.

Why This Matters

Environmental and community organizations play a critical role in protecting Indiana's people and natural resources. A favorable ruling would help preserve their ability to enforce environmental laws, defend public trust resources, and represent members affected by pollution, resource degradation, and agency decision-making

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