

LAWMAKERS SCORED ON VOTING RECORD; KEY ALLIES NAMED

In late summer, the Indiana Chamber of Commerce released its 41st annual report scoring state legislators on how they voted on important business legislation in the 2025 General Assembly session.

More than 50 lawmakers earned a perfect mark in the *Legislator Scorecard*, with the overall results revealing a wide gap – ranging from 8% to 100%. Seven policymakers also were further selected as an Indiana Chamber Legislative Champion, Small Business Champion or Champion Freshman Legislator.

“The *Legislator Scorecard* is a critical measure to track lawmakers’ commitment to keeping our state among the nation’s best for doing business – which also leads to increased economic growth and job opportunities,” says Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sinders. “The legislation that factored into the 2025 rankings was especially important in creating a more attractive tax climate, building our talent pipeline and maintaining needed road infrastructure.”

Bills used in the *Legislator Scorecard* can be traced back to the Indiana Chamber’s economic vision plan for the state, *Indiana Prosperity 2035*, and its six focus areas and related goals. Lawmakers were scored on legislation including childcare, economic development, education, energy, healthcare, public finance/taxation and road funding.

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Legislative Champions



Rep. Jim Pressel (R-Rolling Prairie)

As chair of the House Roads and Transportation Committee, Rep. Jim Pressel demonstrated strong leadership in authoring HB 1461, a landmark bill reshaping Indiana’s road funding formula. He engaged stakeholders from across the state and skillfully negotiated a final product focused on long-term infrastructure improvement. Pressel

continues to approach his legislative role with seriousness and a clear commitment to making Indiana’s transportation network stronger.



Rep. Jake Teshka (R-North Liberty)

Representative Jake Teshka has been instrumental in advancing pro-business legislation, including co-authoring the largest tax cut in Indiana’s history, providing significant relief to families and businesses. This year, he spearheaded the creation of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation to support startups and Main Street small

businesses, fostering a robust entrepreneurial ecosystem. Representative Teshka’s advocacy for reducing regulatory burdens further underscores his commitment to ensuring Indiana remains a top state for starting and growing a business.

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Champion Freshman Legislators



Rep. Wendy Dant Chesser (D-Jeffersonville)

Representative Wendy Dant Chesser brings a seasoned economic development perspective to the Statehouse, informed by her leadership roles in regional business organizations. During the 2025 session, she was an active and constructive voice in shaping road funding and economic development policy. Her practical expertise and collaborative

approach continue to elevate key debates on Indiana’s economic future.



Rep. Danny Lopez (R-Carmel)

In his first term, Rep. Danny Lopez quickly established himself as a capable and engaged legislator, earning a seat on the influential House Ways and Means Committee. He sponsored HB 516, which included key provisions to enhance Indiana’s economic competitiveness, including the creation of the Office of Entrepreneurship. Lopez also contributed meaningfully to budget and immigration policy discussions, drawing on deep experience in state government.

Small Business Champions



Rep. Martin Carbaugh (R-Fort Wayne)

As chair of the House Insurance Committee, Rep. Martin Carbaugh engaged deeply on complex healthcare issues, authoring HB 1004 to address rising costs and systemic imbalances. While not all provisions aligned with the Indiana Chamber’s positions, the bill advanced serious policy discussions, including measures to reduce cost shifting to commercial payers. Carbaugh continues to distinguish himself as a thoughtful and effective leader on healthcare policy.



Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers)

Representative Chris Jeter advocates for policies that reduce government interference in business and promote free-market solutions. As chair of the House Judiciary Committee, he has worked to streamline legal processes, which benefit businesses by reducing bureaucratic hurdles. This year, the Indiana Chamber appreciated his leadership to defeat legislation that would have expanded the government’s authority to investigate and penalize businesses arbitrarily.



Rep. Craig Snow (R-Warsaw)

As vice chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Craig Snow played a central role in crafting a structurally balanced state budget amid challenging revenue forecasts. He authored the annual Department of Local Government Finance bill, navigating complex negotiations with precision, and authored HB 1628, a bold proposal to modernize

Indiana’s land use and permitting framework. Snow continues to emerge as a leading voice on fiscal policy and economic development.