



Business Champions

MISSOURI CHAMBER OF
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The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is proud to recognize the following lawmakers as Business Champions during the 2024 Legislative Session. Their work is helping build a better business climate by growing the economy, improving public safety and ensuring access to quality health care and hospitals.

The Business Champions list was created after an analysis of key votes on important business issues. To be included, legislators needed to have at least a **70%** record of siding with the Missouri Chamber on priority issues.



PRIORITY: **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Without a competitive business climate, Missouri cannot become a leader in economic prosperity. During the 2024 legislative session, the Missouri Chamber supported an expansion of the MOBUCK\$ program, an important economic driver for Missouri small businesses, farmers and local governments. Lawmakers also passed legislation to support entrepreneurship and innovation in our state and incentivize investors to finance small businesses in rural areas.



PRIORITY: **PUBLIC SAFETY**

After years of dramatically rising statewide crime rates, the Missouri Chamber has elevated public safety to the forefront of legislative discussion. Lawmakers took action to address this complex issue by establishing new penalties for reckless celebratory gunfire, enacting tougher criminal penalties for repeat and violent offenders, and easing the record expungement process for minor, non-violent offenses.



PRIORITY: **HEALTH CARE**

Lawmakers were able to renew the Federal Reimbursement Allowance, or FRA, program, despite efforts to block this critical legislation. The FRA program is an essential funding mechanism for sustaining health care services across our state. Renewing the FRA program through 2029 will help keep hospitals open in both rural and urban areas and ensure Missouri's continued economic and physical health.

Missouri Senate

Lauren Arthur
Jason Bean
Doug Beck
Mike Bernskoetter
Rusty Black
Justin Brown
Mike Cierpiot
Sandy Crawford
Karla Eslinger
Travis Fitzwater
Elaine Gannon
Lincoln Hough
Tony Luetkemeyer
Karla May
Tracy McCreery
Angela Mosley
Cindy O'Laughlin
John Rizzo
Steven Roberts
Caleb Rowden
Holly Thompson Rehder
Curtis Trent
Barbara Washington
Brian Williams

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does not constitute an endorsement
by the Missouri Chamber.*

Missouri House of Representatives

Bill Allen
Phil Amato
Ashley Aune
Brad Banderman
Gretchen Bangert
Jerome Barnes
John Black
Gary Bonacker
Bob Bromley
Chris Brown
Donnie Brown
Paula Brown
Richard Brown
Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway
Jamie Burger
Michael Burton
Danny Busick
Steve Butz
Tricia Byrnes
David Casteel
Brad Christ
Phil Christofanelli
Bennie Cook
Aaron Crossley
Scott Cupps
Dane Diehl
Chris Dinkins
David Evans
Bill Falkner
Jeff Farnan
Betsy Fogle
Rick Francis
Sherri Gallick
Kurtis Gregory
Dave Griffith
Kent Haden
Mike Haffner
Willard Haley
Wendy Hausman
Stephanie Hein
Mike Henderson
Justin Hicks
Dave Hinman
Dan Houx
Barry Hovis
Josh Hurlbert
Keri Ingle
Jamie Johnson
Doyle Justus
Jim Kalberloh
Ann Kelley
Hannah Kelly

Jeff Knight
Ed Lewis
Chris Lonsdale
Ian Mackey
Kyle Marquart
Don Mayhew
Peggy McGaugh
Herman Morse
Jim Murphy
Jeff Myers
Maggie Nurrenbern
Michael O'Donnell
Philip Oehlerking
Bill Owen
Cameron Parker
Jonathan Patterson
Chad Perkins
Tara Peters
Barbara Phifer
Dean Plocher
Brad Pollitt
Sean Pouche
Crystal Quade
Rodger Reedy
Renee Reuter
Louis Riggs
Alex Riley
Lane Roberts
Bruce Sassmann
Robert Sauls
Jim Schulte
Brian Seitz
Greg Sharpe
Brenda Shields
Cody Smith
Travis Smith
Mike Stephens
Melanie Stinnett
Kemp Strickler
Del Taylor
Tim Taylor
Lisa Thomas
Terry Thompson
Dean Van Schoiack
Rudy Veit
John Voss
Ken Waller
Emily Weber
Travis Wilson
Eric Woods
Dale Wright

Votes in **support** of the following bills were considered in determining the 2024 list of Business Champions.

| HOUSE/ SENATE VOTE | BILL NUMBER / ISSUE | VOTE DATE |
|--------------------------|--|--------------|
| House | SB 748: Renewal of Federal Reimbursement Allowance to sustain health care services | 5/15/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| Senate | | 4/30/24 |
| Senate | SB 745: Indexing unemployment benefits | 2/21/24 |
| House | SB 754: Public safety package including increased sentencing standards for repeat violent offenders and creation of Blair's Law | 5/17/24 |
| Senate | | 3/7/24 |
| House | SB 802: Incentivizing investment in rural small businesses | 5/17/24 |
| Senate | | 3/7/24 |
| House | SB 872: Expanding broadband capacity and making the energy grid stronger | 5/17/24 |
| Senate | | 4/4/24 |
| House | SB 894: Supporting entrepreneurship and innovation | 5/17/24 |
| Senate | | 4/4/24 |
| House | HB 1488: Child care tax credit package | 2/8/24 |
| House | HB 1659: Public safety omnibus package | 2/19/24 |
| House | HB 1803: Expanding MOBUCK\$ program for economic development | 2/19/24 |
| Senate | | 4/18/24 |
| House | HB 1912: Reducing the complexity of Missouri's tax laws | 5/9/24 |
| Senate | | 5/8/24 |
| House | HB 2002: Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education budget including grants to child care facilities | 5/10/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| House | HB 2003: Dept. of Higher Education and Workforce Development budget including Fast Track funding | 5/10/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| House | HB 2004: MoDOT budget including I-44 expansion funding | 5/10/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| House | HB 2005: Department of Public Safety budget | 5/10/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| House | HB 2007: Dept. of Economic Development budget including funding for upskill credential program | 5/10/24 |
| Senate | | 5/9/24 |
| House | HB 2599: Embracing innovation for certain transactions | 4/22/24 |
| House | HB 2763: Leveling the legal climate related to pesticide labeling | 4/24/24 |