



Business Champions

MISSOURI CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

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The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry is proud to recognize the following lawmakers as Business Champions during the 2025 Legislative Session. Their work is helping build a better business climate by protecting employers from onerous mandates, improving public safety and bolstering Missouri's utility infrastructure.

The Business Champions list was created after an analysis of attendance at educational events and voting records on important business issues. To be included, state legislators needed to achieve a score of **70%** or higher based on the Missouri Chamber's formula measuring key votes and event participation.



PRIORITY: **PROPOSITION A REFORM**

During the 2025 legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly stood up for business owners burdened by Proposition A's paid sick leave mandate. HB 567 provides targeted relief by removing Proposition A's onerous paid sick leave requirements while maintaining the \$15 minimum wage. This legislation was the top priority of the Missouri Chamber and essential to protecting jobs and safeguarding Missouri's overall economic competitiveness.



PRIORITY: **PUBLIC SAFETY**

In response to calls from the business community to address 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 increasing penalties for organized crime groups who steal merchandise from Missouri businesses. To address both workforce and public safety concerns, legislators also passed a bill to give first responders and their children free college tuition.



PRIORITY: **UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

Reliable, resilient and affordable energy is key to retaining and attracting business to our state. During the 2025 legislative session, the Missouri Chamber supported comprehensive regulatory reform designed to modernize Missouri's energy infrastructure and spur economic development. This legislation will ensure Missouri has the energy capacity to power new investments and help existing businesses expand.

Missouri Senate

Jason Bean
Mike Bernskoetter

Rusty Black

Rick Brattin
Ben Brown

Jamie Burger

Mike Cierpiot

Sandy Crawford

Travis Fitzwater
David Gregory

Kurtis Gregory

Mike Henderson
Lincoln Hough
Brad Hudson

Tony Luetkemeyer

Maggie Nurrenbern
Cindy O’Laughlin
Adam Schnelting
Curtis Trent
Brian Williams

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does not constitute an endorsement
by the Missouri Chamber.*

Missouri House of Representatives

Phil Amato
Brad Banderman
Hardy Billington

John Black

Mitch Boggs
Bob Bromley
Donnie Brown
David Casteel
Carolyn Caton
Brad Christ

Jeff Coleman
Bennie Cook
Mike Costlow
Aaron Crossley
Bishop Davidson
Dirk Deaton

Dane Diehl

David Dolan

Bill Falkner
Jeff Farnan

Ron Fowler

Sherri Gallick

Jamie Gragg

Dave Griffith

Kent Haden

Willard Haley

Tony Harbison

Wendy L. Hausman

John Hewkin

Dave Hinman

Barry Hovis

George Hruza
Josh Hurlbert
Keri Ingle

Bill Irwin

Mike Jones
Doyle Justus
Jim Kalberloh

Ann Kelley

Jeff Knight

Becky Laubinger
Ed Lewis
Cathy Jo Loy

Bill Lucas
Ian Mackey
John Martin
Don Mayhew

Peggy McGaugh

Mark Meirath

Scott Miller

Jim Murphy

Jeff Myers

Mark Nolte

Matthew Overcast

Cameron Parker

Jonathan Patterson

Chad Perkins

Tara Peters

Brandon Phelps

Brad Pollitt
Sean Pouche
Rodger Reedy

Renee Reuter

Louis Riggs

Alex Riley

Lane Roberts

Bruce Sassmann

Melissa Schmidt

Jim Schulte

Brian Seitz

Greg Sharpe

Brenda Shields

Mike Steinmeyer

Melanie Stinnett

Tim Taylor

Terry Thompson

Dean Van Schoiack

Jeff Vernetti

Terri Violet

John Voss

Ken Waller (*Awarded Posthumously*)

Christopher Warwick

Colin Wellenkamp

Cecelie Williams

Travis Wilson

Dale Wright

Legislators highlighted in blue have a **100% record** of supporting Missouri Chamber priorities.

Votes in **support** of the following bills were considered in determining the 2025 list of Business Champions.

HOUSE/ SENATE VOTE	BILL NUMBER / ISSUE	VOTE DATE
House	HB 2: Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education budget including grants to child care facilities	5/9/25
Senate		5/9/25
House	HB 3: Dept. of Higher Education and Workforce Development budget including Fast Track funding	5/9/25
Senate		5/9/25
House	HB 4: Dept. of Transportation budget including funding for I-44 expansion	5/9/25
Senate		5/9/25
House	HB 7: Dept. of Economic Development budget including funding for the Credential Training Program	5/9/25
Senate		5/9/25
House	HB 269: Establishing a child care tax credit package	2/27/25
House	SB 150: Growing a strong workforce by establishing the Career-Tech Certificate Program and supporting STEM career awareness	5/14/25
Senate		5/13/25
House	HB 567: Removing Proposition A's burdensome paid sick leave mandate	3/13/25
Senate		5/14/25
House – Emergency Clause		3/13/25
Senate	SB 35: Establishing a tax credit to revitalize Missouri downtowns and main streets	3/13/25
House	SB 71: Supporting public safety by providing tuition waivers to first responders and their dependents	5/1/25
Senate		5/6/25
House	HB 495: Increasing penalties for organized retail theft	3/12/25
Senate		3/10/25
House	HB 594: Allowing corporations to deduct 100% of their capital gains income	5/7/25
Senate		4/7/25
House	SB 47: Improving Missouri's legal climate related to class actions	4/10/25
Senate		2/13/25
House	HB 544: Leveling the legal climate related to pesticide labeling	2/20/25
House	HB 68: Shortening the statute of limitations for personal injury claims	2/20/25
House	SB 4: Driving economic growth by strengthening Missouri's utility infrastructure	3/13/25
Senate		2/24/25

Legislators received extra credit for supporting Missouri's pro-business climate by attending Missouri Chamber events, including Annual Meeting, Capitol Insight, the Technology Alliance Educational Trip to Seattle, and the launch of the Technology2030 report.