



The Champion for Business award symbolizes our gratitude for extraordinary efforts by legislators on behalf of the business community.

Throughout the 2024 Regular Session, these nine legislators provided outstanding support on critical issues to AIF and our members.

Votes provide tangible evidence of whether a legislator supports the ability of Florida companies to prosper and operate free of overly burdensome state regulation and taxation. They are valuable tools used by AIF and the business community to determine which legislators deserve our support. Yet voting records only tell part of the story.

A *Champion for Business* is a legislator who takes a stand for his or her belief in the free-enterprise system, who defies the status quo when it is harmful to our state's competitive climate, and who faces down opponents to the growing prosperity of Florida's citizens.



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Senator Jay Trumbull (R-Panama City)

Senator Jay Trumbull is receiving his second **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator Trumbull for his sponsorship of **SB 1492**, a bill relating to Employment Regulations that will preempt local governments from enacting heat ordinances that supersede current guidelines already set in place by OSHA. The bill also removes the ability of local governments to enact minimum wage requirements. AIF thanks Senator Trumbull for his tireless work to ensure this issue was considered and resolved during the 2024 Legislative Session.



Senator Clay Yarborough (R-Jacksonville)

Senator Clay Yarborough is receiving his first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida is grateful to Senator Yarborough for his sponsorship of **SB 340**, a bill relating to Offenses Involving Critical Infrastructure. The bill provides for increased penalties for individuals who improperly tamper with anything defined as critical infrastructure. Senator Yarborough also sponsored two bills, that although did not ultimately pass, were of significant importance to the business community. A section of **SB 814**, a bill relating to Real Property Ownership, would have clarified restrictions surrounding foreign investment for development projects throughout Florida, further increasing opportunities for businesses to invest in our state. He also sponsored **SB 248** that would have imposed a cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice cases to attempt to address Florida's high medical malpractice premiums, as well as bolster physician recruitment and retention. AIF thanks Senator Yarborough for championing these important bills.



Representative Jennifer Canady (R-Lakeland)

Representative Jennifer Canady is receiving her first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Canady for her hard work to pass **HB 275**, a bill relating to Offenses Involving Critical Infrastructure. This legislation will provide for increased penalties for criminal activities around facilities designated as critical infrastructure. AIF thanks Representative Canady for making Florida safer for businesses to operate by deterring criminal activity and increasing penalties for those who knowingly break the law and seek to cause harm.



Senate President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples)

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo is receiving her sixth **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds her steadfast efforts to rework Florida's access to healthcare by creating new avenues to obtain more critically needed healthcare professionals in her *Live Healthy* agenda this year. Additionally, Senate President Passidomo championed pro-business policies and reforms in the Senate throughout her tenure. AIF thanks Senate President Passidomo for her exceptional leadership as Senate President.



Senator Danny Burgess (R-Zephyrhills)

Senator Danny Burgess is receiving his second **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida is grateful to Senator Burgess for his role overseeing **SB 738**, a bill relating to Environment Management that would have clarified language for the redevelopment of contaminated lands and provided a barrier against frivolous litigation for those abiding by guidelines issued by the state. AIF thanks Senator Burgess for his efforts to stabilize the current litigation climate that threatens future development and keeps Florida's natural resources in peril.



Senator Nick DiCeglie (R-St. Petersburg)

Senator Nick DiCeglie is receiving his first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator DiCeglie for his sponsorship of **SB 658**, a bill relating to Cybersecurity Incident Liability that will establish a clear regulatory framework for businesses to follow to better protect themselves and their customers from cyberattacks. The bill provides a barrier from civil liability if a business follows the guidelines established in this bill. AIF thanks Senator DiCeglie for providing protections for Florida businesses that do everything in their power to shield data from cyberattacks.

This represents a commitment to sound policy that supports Florida's employers and job creators. Not only does this score encompass votes to pass legislation beneficial to businesses, it includes votes to defeat policies that would have a detrimental impact on businesses and their employees.

100% Voting
These Legislators Voted 100%
with the Business Community



Representative Tiffany Esposito (R-Fort Myers)

Representative Tiffany Esposito is receiving her first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Esposito for her tireless work to ensure the passage of the heat ordinance and local wage preemption bill, **HB 433**. AIF thanks Representative Esposito for her strong support of Florida businesses that were at risk of increased regulation from local governments that supersede rules already in place at the federal level.



Representative Mike Giallombardo (R-Cape Coral)

Representative Mike Giallombardo is receiving his first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Giallombardo for using his extensive knowledge and background working in the IT space to craft **HB 473**, a bill relating to Cybersecurity Incident Liability. This bill provides for new guidelines for businesses who are susceptible to cyberattacks to follow to better protect their customers and themselves. If these guidelines are met, the business is shielded from frivolous litigation, which has been an ongoing issue in Florida. AIF thanks Representative Giallombardo for standing by Florida businesses that could be penalized for the criminal actions of others.



Representative Toby Overdorf (R-Palm City)

Representative Toby Overdorf is receiving his first **Champion for Business Award**. Associated Industries of Florida recognizes Representative Overdorf for his support for Florida businesses as he was the sponsor and prime co-sponsor of two AIF-priority bills in the 2024 Legislative Session. Representative Overdorf used his lengthy background working on environmental issues to sponsor **HB 789**, a bill relating to Environmental Management, that would have identified those who abide by the guidelines issued under a DEP permit to clean up or restore remediated lands and instituted civil protections. Additionally, Representative Overdorf co-sponsored **HB 1179**, a bill that would have significantly pushed back against the increased threat of litigation financiers on Florida businesses. AIF thanks Representative Overdorf for his tireless efforts to expand civil liability protections and make it more affordable for businesses to operate in Florida.

Visit [AIF.com/CFB](https://www.aif.com/cfb) for a complete list of past AIF Champion for Business winners.

The Florida Senate

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| Ben Albritton (R) | Joe Gruters (R) |
| Bryan Avila (R) | Gayle Harrell (R) |
| Dennis Baxley (R) | Travis Hutson (R) |
| Jim Boyd (R) | Blaise Ingoglia (R) |
| Jennifer Bradley (R) | Debbie Mayfield (R) |
| Jason Brodeur (R) | Kathleen Passidomo (R) |
| Doug Broxson (R) | Keith Perry (R) |
| Danny Burgess (R) | Corey Simon (R) |
| Colleen Burton (R) | Jay Trumbull (R) |
| Jay Collins (R) | Tom Wright (R) |
| Nick DiCeglie (R) | Clay Yarborough (R) |

The Florida House of Representatives

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| Shane Abbott (R) | Randy Maggard (R) |
| Thad Altman (R) | Patt Maney (R) |
| Daniel Alvarez (R) | Ralph Massullo (R) |
| Carolina Amesty (R) | Stan McClain (R) |
| Adam Anderson (R) | Lawrence McClure (R) |
| Alex Andrade (R) | Lauren Melo (R) |
| Douglas Bankson (R) | Kiyan Michael (R) |
| Webster Barnaby (R) | Toby Overdorf (R) |
| Fabián Basabe (R) | Bobby Payne (R) |
| Kimberly Berfield (R) | Daniel Perez (R) |
| Dean Black (R) | Jenna Persons-Mulicka (R) |
| David Borrero (R) | Rachel Plakon (R) |
| Adam Botana (R) | Susan Plasencia (R) |
| Robbie Brackett (R) | Juan Carlos Porras (R) |
| Chuck Brannan (R) | Mike Redondo (R) |
| James Buchanan (R) | Paul Renner (R) |
| Demi Busatta Cabrera (R) | Alex Rizo (R) |
| Jennifer Canady (R) | Spencer Roach (R) |
| Mike Caruso (R) | Will Robinson (R) |
| Ryan Chamberlin (R) | Bob Rommel (R) |
| Chuck Clemons (R) | Rick Roth (R) |
| Wyman Duggan (R) | Joel Rudman (R) |
| Tiffany Esposito (R) | Michelle Salzman (R) |
| Tom Fabricio (R) | Jason Shoaf (R) |
| Randy Fine (R) | Tyler Sirois (R) |
| Alina Garcia (R) | David Smith (R) |
| Sam Garrison (R) | John Snyder (R) |
| Mike Giallombardo (R) | Kevin Steele (R) |
| Karen Gonzalez Pittman (R) | Cyndi Stevenson (R) |
| Peggy Gossett-Seidman (R) | John Temple (R) |
| Michael Grant (R) | Josie Tomkow (R) |
| Tommy Gregory (R) | Dana Trabulsky (R) |
| Philip Wayne Griffiths (R) | Chase Tramont (R) |
| Jeff Holcomb (R) | Keith Truenow (R) |
| Sam Killebrew (R) | Kaylee Tuck (R) |
| Chip LaMarca (R) | Taylor Yarkosky (R) |
| Tom Leek (R) | Brad Yeager (R) |

We applaud these legislators who helped make Florida the best place to do business.



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