



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

These were the leaders we turned to when the business community needed someone we could depend upon.

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. It is a valuable tool 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.

The *Champion for Business* is evidence that, in our efforts to let our members and their legislators know who has supported business and who hasn't, we leave no stone unturned.

In our collective wisdom, these legislators are the epitome of what a *Champion for Business* should be. Whether they proposed an important bill, authored a key amendment, or toiled behind the scenes, these legislators are the ones who made a difference this session.

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# AIF Champions for Business Winners

## 2024 Champions for Business

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo – *Health Care*  
Sen. Danny Burgess – *Environmental Management*  
Sen. Nick DiCeglie – *Cybersecurity*  
Sen. Jay Trumbull – *Employment Regulations*  
Sen. Clay Yarborough – *Infrastructure Offense*  
Rep. Jennifer Canady – *Infrastructure Offense*  
Rep. Tiffany Esposito – *Business Regulations*  
Rep. Mike Giallombardo – *Cybersecurity*  
Rep. Toby Overdorf – *Environmental Management*

## 2023 Champions for Business

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo – *Tort Reform*  
House Speaker Paul Renner – *Tort Reform*  
Sen. Travis Hutson – *Tort Reform*  
Sen. Linda Stewart – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. Tom Fabricio – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. Tommy Gregory – *Tort Reform*

## 2022 Champions for Business

Senate President Wilton Simpson – *Data Privacy Legislation*  
Sen. Ben Albritton – *Environmental/Agricultural Legislation*  
Sen. Jim Boyd – *Insurance Reform*  
Sen. Kathleen Passidomo – *Data Privacy Legislation*  
Rep. Jay Trumbull – *Insurance Reform*  
Rep. Andrew Learned – *Data Privacy Legislation*

## 2021 Champions for Business

Governor Ron DeSantis – *Keeping Florida Open/COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Sen. Wilton Simpson – *COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Rep. Chris Sprowls – *COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Sen. Ben Albritton – *Permit Tolling*  
Sen. Jeff Brandes – *COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Sen. Jason Brodeur – *Right to Farm*  
Sen. Kathleen Passidomo – *Data Privacy Legislation*  
Rep. Colleen Burton – *Health Care COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Rep. Michael Grant – *Permit Tolling*  
Rep. Lawrence McClure – *COVID-19 Liability Protection*  
Rep. Jayer Williamson – *Right to Farm*

## 2020 Champions for Business

Sen. Kathleen Passidomo – *Leadership*  
Sen. Ben Albritton – *"Rights of Nature" Legislation*  
Rep. Blaise Ingoglia – *"Rights of Nature" Legislation*  
Sen. Dennis Baxley – *Legal & Judicial*  
Rep. Charlie Stone – *Legal & Judicial*

## 2019 Champions for Business

Sen. Doug Broxson – *Assignment of Benefits (AOB)*  
Sen. Joe Gruters – *Various pieces of legislation harmful to Florida's employers*  
Sen. Kelli Stargel – *Corporate Income Tax*  
Rep. Bryan Avila – *Corporate Income Tax*  
Rep. Jamie Grant – *Florida's Constitution*  
Rep. Tom Leek – *Corporate Income Tax*  
Rep. Paul Renner – *Florida's Constitution*  
Rep. Bob Rommel – *Assignment of Benefits (AOB)*

## 2018 Champions for Business

Sen. Rob Bradley – *Glassware Legislation*  
Sen. Kathleen Passidomo – *Automobile Liability*  
Sen. Dana Young – *Florida Landowners Rights*  
Rep. Joe Gruters – *Glassware Legislation*  
Rep. Mike Miller – *Florida Landowners Rights*

## 2017 Champions for Business

Governor Rick Scott – *Economic Incentive Programs*  
Sen. Keith Perry – *Workers' Compensation Public Records Exemption*  
Sen. Kelli Stargel – *Tax Cuts*  
Rep. Ben Albritton – *Workers' Compensation Public Records Exemption*  
Rep. Jim Boyd – *Tax Cuts*  
Rep. Jay Fant – *Workers' Compensation Amendment*  
Rep. Danny Burgess – *Workers' Compensation*

## 2016 Champions for Business

Sen. Jack Latvala – *Economic Development*  
Sen. Dorothy Hukill – *Tax Cuts*  
Sen. Charlie Dean – *Water Policy*  
Sen. Aaron Bean – *Tort*  
Sen. Garrett Richter – *Oil & Gas Regulation*  
Rep. Jim Boyd – *Economic Development*  
Rep. Matt Gaetz – *Tax Cuts*  
Rep. Matt Caldwell – *Water Policy*  
Rep. Frank Artiles – *Information Technology*  
Rep. Ray Rodrigues – *Oil & Gas Regulation*

## 2015 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott – *Tax Cuts*  
Senate President Andy Gardiner – *Health Care*  
Sen. Garrett Richter – *Oil & Gas Regulation*  
Sen. Dorothy Hukill – *Tax Cuts*  
Sen. Aaron Bean – *Health Care*  
Speaker Steve Crisafulli – *Water Policy*  
Rep. Ray Rodrigues – *Oil & Gas Regulation*  
Rep. Matt Caldwell – *Water Policy*  
Rep. Matt Gaetz – *Tax Cuts*

## 2014 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott – *Motor Vehicle Rollback*  
Speaker Will Weatherford – *In-State Tuition*  
Sen. Joe Negron – *Motor Vehicle Rollback*  
Sen. Jack Latvala – *In-State Tuition*  
Sen. Jeremy Ring – *IT Governance*  
Sen. Bill Montford – *GMO "Protecting Florida Agriculture"*  
Rep. Seth McKeel – *IT Governance*  
Rep. Jeanette Nunez – *In-State Tuition*  
Rep. Richard Corcoran – *STEP*  
Rep. Steve Crisafulli – *STEP*

## 2013 Champions for Business

Gov. Rick Scott – *Tax Reform*  
Sen. Garrett Richter – *Expert Testimony*  
Sen. Joe Negron – *Health Care*  
Sen. John Legg – *Education*  
Sen. Alan Hays – *Workers Compensation*  
Sen. Chris Smith – *Environmental Regulation*  
Sen. Bill Galvano – *Manufacturing Development*  
Rep. Jim Boyd – *Manufacturing Development*  
Rep. Steve Crisafulli – *Insurance Tax Credit*  
Rep. Matt Gaetz – *Legal Reform*  
Rep. Matt Hudson – *Workers Compensation*  
Rep. Larry Metz – *Expert Testimony*  
Rep. Jimmy Patronis – *Environmental Regulation*  
Rep. Steve Precourt – *Employment Benefits*  
Rep. Jake Raburn – *Environmental Regulation*  
Sen. Dorothy Hukill – *AIF Manufacturing, Aerospace and Defense Council Champion for Business Award*  
Sen. Wilton Simpson – *AIF Environmental & Agricultural Sustainability Council Champion for Business Award*  
Rep. MaryLynn Magar – *AIF Manufacturing, Aerospace & Defense Council Champion for Business Award*

### **2013 Champions for Business (cont.)**

Rep. Matt Caldwell – *AIF Environmental & Agricultural Sustainability Council Champion for Business Award*

Rep. Kevin Rader – *AIF Financial Services Council Champion for Business Award*

Rep. Bill Hager – *AIF Financial Services Council Champion for Business Award*

### **2012 Champions for Business**

Rep. Steve Crisafulli – *Environmental Policy*

Rep. Matt Caldwell – *Environmental Policy*

Rep. Seth McKeel – *Environmental Policy*

Rep. Jimmy Patronis – *Environmental Permitting*

Rep. Steve Precourt – *Economic Development*

Rep. James Grant – *Communication Services Tax (CST) Reduction*

Rep. Erik Fresen – *Gaming Reform*

Rep. Eric Eisnagle – *Property Tax*

Rep. Will Weatherford – *Unemployment Tax Reform*

Rep. Jim Boyd – *Automobile Insurance*

Rep. Dan Davis – *Workers Compensation*

Rep. Mack Bernard – *Workers Compensation*

Sen. Elyn Bogdanoff – *Gaming Reform*

Sen. Chris Smith – *Metal Theft Legislation/Workers Compensation*

Sen. Don Gaetz – *Tax Reform*

Sen. Jack Latvala – *Health Care*

Rep. Clay Ford – *Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Jim Norman – *Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Ed Hooper – *Hospital Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Frank Artiles – *Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Bill Hager – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Joe Negron – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

### **2011 Champions for Business**

Rep. Chris Dorworth – *Property Tax Reduction*

Rep. Doug Holder – *Unemployment Compensation*

Rep. Dorothy Hukill – *Insurance Reform*

Rep. Marlene O'Toole – *Tort Reform*

Rep. Jimmy Patronis – *Environmental Permitting*

Rep. Will Weatherford – *Tort Reform*

Rep. Trudi Williams – *Water Policy*

Rep. John Wood – *Property Insurance Reform*

Rep. Rich Workman – *Pension Reform*

Rep. Dana Young – *Port Security*

Sen. JD Alexander – *Immigration Reform*

Sen. Elyn Bogdanoff – *Judgment of Interest*

Sen. Anitere Flores – *Immigration Reform*

Sen. Jack Latvala – *Port Security*

Sen. Joe Negron – *Medicaid Reform*

Sen. Garrett Richter – *Tort Reform*

Sen. Jeremy Ring – *Single Sales Factor*

Sen. David Simmons – *Class Size*

Rep. Joe Abruzzo – *Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Ken Roberson – *Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Brad Drake – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Gary Aubuchon – *Florida Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Mike Bennett – *Florida Development and Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

### **2010 Champions for Business**

Speaker Larry Cretul – *Unemployment Compensation*

Rep. Dean Cannon – *Medicaid Reform*

Rep. Steve Crisafulli – *Economic Development/Aerospace*

Rep. Brad Drake – *Commercial Insurance*

Rep. Adam Hasner – *Unemployment Compensation*

Rep. Alan Hays – *Workers' Compensation*

Rep. Mike Horner – *Parental Waivers*

Rep. Ralph Poppell – *Dynamic Scoring*

Rep. Perry Thurston – *International Commercial Arbitration*

Rep. Will Weatherford – *Economic Development Job Creation*

Senate President Jeff Atwater – *Tort Reform*

Sen. Rudy Garcia – *Unemployment Compensation*

Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Economic Development*

Sen. Garrett Richter – *Property Insurance*

Sen. John Thrasher – *Education Reform*

Sen. Thad Altman – *Aerospace Industry Relief*

Sen. Durell Peaden – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

### **2010 Champions for Business (cont.)**

Rep. Bill Proctor – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Jeremy Ring – *Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Lake Ray – *Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. John Legg – *Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Nancy Detert – *Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Marlene O'Toole – *Information Technology Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Dorothy Hukill – *Florida Development & Infrastructure Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Lee Constantine – *Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Trudi Williams – *Environmental Sustainability Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

### **2009 Champions for Business**

Rep. Dean Cannon – *Energy Legislation*

Rep. Anitere Flores – *Workers' Compensation*

Rep. Adam Hasner – *Elections*

Rep. Carlos Lopez-Cantera – *Property Taxes*

Rep. Jimmy Patronis – *Medicaid Reform*

Sen. Garrett Richter – *Workers' Compensation*

Sen. Mike Fasano – *Economic Development*

Sen. Chris Smith – *Public Notices*

Sen. Don Gaetz – *Low Income Pool (LIP) Transparency*

Sen. Mike Bennett – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Bryan Nelson – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Pat Patterson – *Financial Services Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Sen. Dave Aronberg – *Florida Maritime Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Charles Van Zant – *Florida Energy Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Seth McKeel – *Florida Energy Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*

Rep. Erik Fresen – *Florida Education, Economic & Workforce Development Council "Legislator of the Year" Award*



### 2008 Champions for Business

Rep. Thad Altman – *Space Legislation*  
Rep. Anitere Flores – *Education & Workforce Development*  
Rep. Peter Nehr – *Property Tax Reform*  
Rep. Ray Sansom – *Economic Development*  
Rep. Baxter Troutman – *Metal Theft Legislation*  
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Administrative Procedures Act*  
Sen. Mike Fasano – *Transportation*  
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Taxes*  
Sen. Bill Posey – *Space Legislation*  
Sen. Jeremy Ring – *Economic Development*  
Rep. Dennis Ross – *Financial Services Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*  
Sen. Al Lawson – *Financial Services Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*  
Chief Financial Officer Alex Sink – *Financial Services Council Champion for Business*  
Rep. Paige Kreegel – *Florida Energy Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*  
Rep. Kevin Ambler – *Florida Maritime Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*

### 2007 Champions for Business

Rep. Trey Traviesa – *Telecommunications*  
Rep. Charlie Dean – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. Alan Hays – *Property Insurance*  
Rep. Rich Glorioso – *Transportation*  
Rep. Aaron Bean – *Government Outsourcing Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*  
Rep. Will Weatherford – *Information Technology Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*  
Sen. Al Lawson – *Information Technology Council “Legislator of the Year” Award*

### 2006 Champions for Business

Governor Jeb Bush – *Support of Business Agenda*  
Speaker Allan Bense – *Tort Reform/Repeal of Joint & Several*  
Senate President Tom Lee – *Tort Reform/Repeal of Joint & Several*  
Rep. Marty Bowen – *Agriculture*  
Rep. Don Brown – *Tort Reform/Repeal of Joint & Several*  
Rep. Fred Brummer – *Tax Reform*  
Rep. Mike Davis – *Affordable Housing*  
Rep. Adam Hasner – *Energy Legislation*  
Rep. Matt Meadows – *Tax Incentives for Manufacturing*  
Rep. Dennis Ross – *Property Insurance Reform*  
Rep. Marco Rubio – *Private Property Rights*  
Rep. Trey Traviesa – *Telecommunications*  
Sen. Jeff Atwater – *Tax Relief for Businesses*  
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Growth Management*  
Sen. Jim King – *Economic Development*  
Sen. Dan Webster – *Tort Reform*

### 2005 Champions for Business

Governor Jeb Bush – *Tort Reform*  
Speaker Allan Bense – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. Frank Attkisson – *Private Sector Protection*  
Rep. Holly Benson – *Medicaid Reform Legislation*  
Rep. Don Brown – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. Fred Brummer – *Repeal of Intangible Tax*  
Rep. Rene Garcia – *Medicaid Reform Legislation*  
Rep. Joe Pickens – *Asbestos and Silica Reform Act*  
Rep. Dennis Ross – *Property Insurance Reform*  
Rep. Dwight Stansel – *Tort Reform*  
Rep. John Stargel – *Tax Reform*  
Sen. Jeff Atwater – *Tax Reform*  
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*

### 2004 Champions for Business

Rep. Allan Bense – *Support of Business Agenda*  
Rep. Kim Berfield – *Workers’ Compensation Reform*  
Rep. Mike Davis – *Growth Management*  
Rep. Jeff Kottkamp – *Premises Liability Legislation*  
Rep. Bruce Kyle – *Court Funding*  
Rep. Joe Negron – *Court Funding*  
Rep. John Stargel – *Tax Reform*  
Sen. JD Alexander – *Workers’ Compensation Reform*  
Sen. Mike Bennett – *Growth Management*  
Sen. Mike Haridopolos – *Tax Reform*  
Sen. Rod Smith – *Court Funding*

### 2003 Champions for Business

Rep. Allan Bense – *Support of Business Agenda*  
Rep. Dudley Goodlette – *Workers’ Compensation*  
Rep. Connie Mack – *Tort Reform*



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