

# 2025 LEGISLATIVE AWARDS

## 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.

## 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.