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Throughout the 2026 Regular Session, these six 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.

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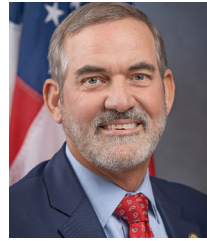
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The *Champion for Business* is evidence that, in our efforts to let our members and their legislators know who has supported business and who hasn't, we leave no stone unturned.

In our collective wisdom, these six 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.

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



#### **Senator Stan McClain**

Senator Stan McClain (R-Ocala) is receiving his second Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Senator McClain for his continued dedication to protecting Florida's private property rights and reducing regulatory burdens on Florida's business community. Throughout the legislative session, Senator McClain demonstrated exceptional diligence and legislative skill by sponsoring critical pro-business legislation while also successfully guarding against harmful legislation and amendments throughout the committee process. AIF thanks Senator McClain for his steadfast advocacy on behalf of Florida's business community and looks forward to his continued leadership in the Senate.



#### **Representative Kimberly Berfield**

Representative Kimberly Berfield (R-Clearwater) is receiving her second Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida commends Representative Berfield for her principled and unwavering stance in defense of Florida's landmark 2022-2023 tort reforms throughout the 2026 Legislative Session. In the face of mounting pressure to reverse the hard-fought progress made in recent years, Representative Berfield stood firm, voting against every bill that would have rolled back critical reforms that protect Florida's business climate from excessive litigation. Her commitment to preserving the integrity of these reforms reflects a deep understanding of what is at stake for Florida's employers, consumers, and the broader business community. AIF thanks Representative Berfield for her support of Florida's businesses.



#### **Representative Tom Fabricio**

Representative Tom Fabricio (R-Miami Lakes) is receiving his third Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida continues to recognize Representative Fabricio for his enduring commitment to protecting Florida's landmark 2022-2023 tort reforms. As a longtime champion of legal reform in Florida, Representative Fabricio once again stood firm throughout the 2026 Legislative Session, voting against every bill that sought to roll back the critical reforms that have helped remove Florida from the ranks of so-called "judicial hellholes." His consistent and principled opposition to tort reform rollback efforts reflects the same resolve

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# 100% Voting

## These Legislators Voted 100% with the Business Community

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.

- Senator Ben Albritton (R-Bartow)
- Senator Alexis Calatayud (R-Miami)
- Senator Joe Gruters (R-Sarasota)
- Representative Kimberly Berfield (R-Clearwater)
- Representative Ryan Chamberlin (R-Ocala)
- Representative Tom Fabricio (R-Miami Lakes)
- Representative Brian Hodgers (R-Viera)
- Representative Chad Johnson (R-Newberry)
- Representative Lauren Melo (R-Naples)
- Representative Danny Nix, Jr. (R-Port Charlotte)
- Representative Alex Rizo (R-Hialeah)
- Representative John Snyder (R-Palm City)

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

that has defined his career as one of Florida's most dedicated advocates for a fair and predictable legal environment for businesses and consumers alike. AIF thanks Representative Fabricio for his continued dedication to Florida's business community.



### Representative Mike Giallombardo

Representative Mike Giallombardo (R-Cape Coral) is receiving his second Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida applauds Representative Giallombardo for his outstanding contributions to Florida's business community through-

out the 2026 Legislative Session. Representative Giallombardo proved to be an invaluable voice in the data center conversation, demonstrating a sophisticated understanding of the policy issues at stake as well as his ability to craft and advance legislation in a thoughtful and strategic manner. Additionally, Representative Giallombardo sponsored critical legislation establishing cybersecurity liability protections, a forward-thinking effort that reflects the growing importance of protecting Florida businesses from an evolving legal landscape. AIF thanks Representative Giallombardo for his continued leadership and looks forward to his ongoing advocacy on behalf of Florida's business community in the House.



### Representative Chad Johnson

Representative Chad Johnson (R-Newberry) is receiving his first Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida commends Representative Johnson for his principled and collaborative approach to legislating on behalf of Florida's business

community throughout the 2026 Legislative Session. Representative Johnson stood firm against efforts to roll back Florida's landmark tort reforms, voting against every bill that would have undermined the critical progress made in protecting Florida's business climate from excessive litigation. Beyond his voting record, Representative Johnson distinguished himself by actively engaging with the business community, taking the time to hear and understand the real-world impact that harmful legislation would have on Florida's employers. His willingness to work directly with AIF to combat bills that threatened Florida's business community reflects the kind of thoughtful and results-oriented leadership that makes a lasting difference. AIF thanks Representative Johnson for his commitment to Florida's business community and looks forward to his continued leadership in the House.



### Representative Danny Nix, Jr.

Representative Danny Nix (R-Port Charlotte) is receiving his first Champion for Business Award. Associated Industries of Florida commends Representative Nix for his consistent and principled support of Florida's business community throughout the 2026 Legislative

Session. Representative Nix holds a voting record of 100% with AIF, demonstrating his steadfast commitment to policies that support Florida's employers and job creators. Representative Nix also proved to be a thoughtful and insightful voice during critical discussions surrounding data center policy. Additionally, Representative Nix stood firm against efforts to roll back Florida's landmark 2022-2023 tort reforms. AIF thanks Representative Nix for his unwavering support of Florida's business community.

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