

Iowa Industry Political Action Committee (IIPAC) 2020 Annual Report



Message from IIPAC Chair



Dear Colleague,

I would like to thank everyone who invested their resources and backed the Iowa Association of Business and Industry's Political Action Committee (IIPAC) in 2020.

The PAC had another outstanding year as **57 of 59 endorsed House candidates** and **19 of 20 endorsed Senate candidates** won their races for the Legislature last November. This led to another great year for business and industry as 10 bills ABI supported were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Reynolds in 2021.

With your contributions and a lot of hard work by the ABI public policy team of JD Davis and Brad Hartkopf, we had a lot of success paving the way for good public policy for all businesses in Iowa.

A major focus over the next several months will be the Legislature returning in the fall for a special session to focus on the redistricting process. New legislative districts will be drawn, which could play a significant role in determining whether or not incumbents seek re-election or not. With this in mind, we are going to need your continued support of IIPAC to ensure that we have the resources necessary to back candidates who support pro-business policies.

I am pleased to present you with the 2020 IIPAC Annual Report. Enclosed you'll find detailed information on the PAC and what we were able to get done in the last year. We can make 2021 an even greater year for IIPAC with your continued support! Thanks again!

Sincerely,
Kirk Tyler, IIPAC Board Chair
Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling Inc.

**WON THEIR
RACES IN
2020**

**# of House Candidates
endorsed**

57 out of 59

**# of Senate Candidates
endorsed**

19 out of 20

By the Numbers



of ABI Members
1,500



of Contributors
107



of Contributions
117



\$ Raised
\$56,240

2020 Contributors

Platinum Investors \$1,500 and Above

Mark Hanawalt
Roger Hargens
PRINPAC
Mike Ralston
Charles Sukup
Rick Tollakson
Jim Tyler
Peter Voorhees
Lori Weaton
Nate Weaton
Bob Wersen

Gold Investors \$1,000-\$1,499

Kim Augspurger
Fred Buie
John Butler
Bill Bywater
Tom Determann
Michele and Lance Farrell
John Gleeson
Jack and Sarah Hasken
Tom McMahon
Kirk Tyler
Bob Van Diest
Drew Vogel
Roger Winslow
Dave Zrostlik

Silver Investors \$500-\$999

Kelly Barrick
Tim Bianco
Steve Boal
David Bywater
Larry Countryman
Nicole Crain
Dick Davidson
Cindy Dietz
Steve Dust
Mike Espeset
Larry Herzog
Todd Sommerfeld

Bronze Investors \$250-\$499

Dustin Blythe
Andy Bramstedt
Bob Camblin
JD Davis
Matt Eide
Jeff Elgin
John Gilliland
Paul Gregoire
Brad Hartkopf
Mike Henningsen
Steve Jacobs
Andy Kretz
Todd McDonald
John Ruan III
Chris Sackett
Dick Smith
Bill Trent, Jr.
Jack Woelber

Centennial Contributors \$100-\$299

Kathy Anderson
Bob Bauman
Bob Becker
Doug Beech
Daryl Bouwkamp
Art Boyer
Marvin Bricker
Ned Brown
Dave Calkins
Nick Callison
Mark Clark
Becky Coady
Tim Coonan
Connor Deering
Rich Dwyer
Mark Falb
Rand Fisher
Jeff Grev
Liz Hobart
Harlan Hockenber
Jenae Jenison
Amy Jones

Phil Jones
Mary Landhuis
Larry Lepper
Myron Linn
Kellan Longenecker
Kathryn Kunert
Kirk McCollough
Alan Mores
Mark Nielsen
Gary Nordquist
Ken Ossian
Bethany Pautsch
Stacey Pellett
Rich Phelan
Dean Price
Stan Reynolds
John Riches
Todd Robinson
John Schreurs
Bruce Tamisiea
Julie Vande Hoef
Mindi VandenBosch
Dennis Van Zanten
Geoff Ward
Tom Wenstrand
Josh Wilford
Tom Yeoman

Contributors \$1-\$99

Terry Fehr
Kay Neumann-Thomas
Noah Tabor

2020 Expenditures

Governor

Kim Reynolds

Senate

Majority Leader **Jack Whitver**
(Ankeny)

President **Jake Chapman***
(Adel)

President Pro-Tempore and
Judiciary Chair **Brad Zaun**
(Urbandale)

Majority Whip and Education
Chair **Amy Sinclair**** (Allerton)

Ways & Means Chair **Dan
Dawson*** (Council Bluffs)

State Government Chair **Roby
Smith**** (Davenport)

Commerce Chair **Jason
Schultz**** (Schelswig)

Transportation Chair **Waylon
Brown**** (Osage)

Assistant Majority Leader
and Labor and Business
Relations Chair; Transportation,
Infrastructure, & Capitals
Appropriations and
Administrative Rules Review
Committee Vice Chair **Zach
Whiting**** (Spirit Lake)

Appropriations Chair **Tim
Kraayenbrink** (Fort Dodge)

Agriculture Chair and
Administration & Regulation
Appropriations Vice Chair **Dan
Zumbach** (Ryan)

Local Government Chair
and Agriculture & Natural
Resources Vice Chair **Tom
Shiple** (Nodaway)

Natural Resources &
Environment Chair and
Agriculture Vice Chair **Annette
Sweeney*** (Alden)

Human Resources Chair and
Health & Human Services Vice
Chair **Jeff Edler** (State Center)

Administration & Regulation
Appropriations Chair **Dennis
Guth** (Klemme)

Agriculture & Natural
Resources Appropriations
Chair **Ken Rozenboom**
(Oskaloosa)

Health & Human Services
Appropriations Chair and
Human Resources Vice Chair
Mark Costello (Imogene)

Transportation, Infrastructure,
& Capitals Appropriations
Chair **Craig Johnson***
(Independence)

Assistant Majority Leader
and Economic Development
Appropriations Chair **Mark
Lofgren** (Muscatine)

Natural Resources and
Environment Vice Chair **Dawn
Driscoll** (Williamsburg)

Government Oversight
Vice Chair **Craig Williams***
(Manning)

Education Vice Chair **Jeff
Taylor** (Sioux Center)

Ways & Means Vice Chair **Tim
Goodwin**** (Burlington)

Veterans Affairs Vice Chair **Jeff
Reichman** (Montrose)

Labor and Business Relations
and Education Appropriations
Vice Chair **Jesse Green***
(Harcourt)

Local Government Vice Chair
Mike Klimesh* (Spillville)

Zach Nunn (Altoona)

Candidate **Scott Cirkse**
(Clive)

House

Speaker **Pat Grassley** (New
Hartford)

Majority Leader **Matt
Windschitl** (Missouri Valley)

Speaker Pro Tempore and
Administration & Regulation
Appropriations Vice Chair **John
Wills** (Spirit Lake)

Majority Whip **Mike Sexton***
(Rockwell City)

Labor Chair **Dave Deyoe***
(Nevada)

Appropriations Chair **Gary
Mohr*** (Bettendorf)

Commerce Chair **Shannon
Lundgren**** (Peosta)

Ways & Means Chair **Lee Hein***
(Monticello)

State Government Chair **Bobby
Kaufmann*** (Wilton)

Judiciary Chair **Steve Holt**
(Denison)

Transportation Chair **Brian
Best*** (Glidden)

Local Government Chair **Jane
Bloomingdale*** (Northwood)

Public Safety Chair **Jarad Klein**
(Keota)

Human Resources Chair **Ann
Meyer** (Fort Dodge)

Information Technology Chair
Brian Lohse** (Bondurant)

Agriculture Chair **Ross Paustian**
(Walcott)

Natural Resources Chair **Rob
Bacon** (Slater)

Education Chair **Dustin Hite***
(New Sharon)

Environmental Protection Chair
Dean Fisher* (Montour)

Administrative Rules Review
Committee Chair **Megan Jones**
(Sioux Rapids)

Transportation, Infrastructure,
& Capitals Appropriations Chair
Jacob Bossman (Sioux City)

Health & Human Services
Appropriations Chair **Joel Fry**
(Osceola)

Veterans Affairs Chair **Sandy
Salmon** (Janesville)

Administration & Regulation
Appropriations Chair **John
Landon** (Ankeny)

Transportation Vice Chair **Dave
Maxwell*** (Gibson)

Justice System Appropriations
Chair **Gary Worthan** (Storm
Lake)

Commerce Vice Chair **Mark
Cisneros*** (Muscatine)

Judiciary and Ethics Vice Chair
Stan Gustafson (Cumming)

Agriculture & Natural
Resources Appropriations
Chair **Norlin Mommsen**
(DeWitt)

Information Technology Vice
Chair **Dave Sieck*** (Glenwood)

Environmental Protection Vice
Chair **Tom Moore** (Griswold)

Education Vice Chair **Skylar
Wheeler*** (Orange City)

Education Appropriations Chair
David Kerr (Morning Sun)

Government Oversight Vice
Chair **Jon Jacobsen*** (Council
Bluffs)

Appropriations Vice Chair
Shannon Latham (Sheffield)

Economic Growth Chair **Ray
Sorensen** (Greenfield)

Government Oversight Chair
Holly Brink (Oskaloosa)

Economic Development
Appropriations Chair **Phil
Thompson** (Jefferson)

Assistant Majority Leader **Joe
Mitchell**** (Mt. Pleasant)

Public Safety Vice Chair
Cherielynn Westrich*
(Ottumwa)

Natural Resources Vice Chair
Tom Jeneary (Le Mars)

Economic Development
Appropriations Vice Chair **Tom
Gerhold** (Atkins)

Assistant Majority Leader **Jon
Thorup** (Knoxville)

Ethics Chair and
Transportation, Infrastructure
and Capitals Appropriations
Vice Chair **Anne
Osmundson*** (Volga)

Labor Vice Chair **Jeff Shipley**
(Birmingham)

Human Resources Vice Chair
Steven Bradley (Cascade)

Education Appropriations Vice
Chair **Garrett Gobble** (Ankeny)

State Government Vice Chair
Brooke Boden* (Indianola)

Economic Growth Vice Chair
Henry Stone (Forest City)

Health and Human Services
Appropriations Vice Chair
Eddie Andrews* (Johnston)

Agriculture Vice Chair **Chad
Ingels** (Randalia)

Agriculture & Natural
Resources Appropriations Vice
Chair **Dennis Bush** (Cleghorn)

Justice System Appropriations
Vice Chair **Charlie McClintock**
(Alburnett)

Assistant Majority Leader;
Administration & Rules and
Local Government Vice Chair
Brent Siegrist (Council Bluffs)

Ways & Means Vice Chair
Carter Nordman** (Adel)

Veterans Affairs Vice Chair
Martin Graber** (Fort Madison)

Assistant Majority Leader and
Administration & Rules Chair
Cecil Dolecheck (Mt. Ayr)

Agriculture Ranking Member
Kenan Judge (Waukee)

Health & Human Services
Appropriations Ranking
Member
John Forbes (Urbandale)

Todd Prichard (Charles City)

Terry Baxter (Garner)

Michael Bergan* (Dorchester)

Steve Hansen* (Sioux City)

Former Majority Leader **Chris
Hagenow** (Urbandale)

Candidate **Tony Reed**
(Marshalltown)

Candidate **Sally Abbott** (Cedar
Rapids)

** Denotes official serves on
Commerce or Ways & Means*

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IIPAC EXPENDITURES IN 2020

of Legislators/Candidates
Contributed to

95

Total Elected Official Contributions in
2020

\$89,850

PAC Criteria for Support

IIPAC is non-partisan and supports both Republican and Democratic legislators in non-election years. The majority of PAC funds are expended to Republican and Democratic candidates during election years.

The IIPAC Board, which is comprised of IIPAC contributors and makes the final Friend of Iowa Business selections, encourages voters to consider these endorsements when evaluating which candidates will focus on economic issues and help bring jobs to Iowa when voting.



“ABI and IIPAC strive to support legislators on both sides of the aisle who have a record that demonstrates they understand and appreciate the challenges businesses are up against on a daily basis.”

- ABI President Mike Ralston

Candidates are evaluated based on support for a competitive business climate and a focus on a regulatory climate conducive for job creation.

Criteria used to make the Friend of Iowa Business designations include candidates' positions on issues based on interviews, stated approach to general business community concerns and voting records for incumbent candidates, as well as input from ABI members and contributors to the Iowa Industry Political Action Committee (IIPAC).

2020-21 IIPAC Board Members

Kirk Tyler

Atlantic Coca-Cola Bottling
(Chair)

Kim Augspurger

Saxton Inc.

Steve Boal

Accu-mold

Bill Bywater

Bankers Advertising/
Tru Art Color Graphics

Sarah Hasken

UnityPoint Health
Finley Hospital

Charles Sukup

Sukup Manufacturing

Rick Tollakson

Hubbell Realty

Nate Weaton

Weaton Capital

Bob Wersen

Interpower
Corporation

Dave Zrostlik

Stellar Industries

IIPAC Endorsement Process

IIPAC is a state of Iowa PAC, and only candidates for state office are eligible to receive contributions from IIPAC. The IIPAC Board of Directors meets during election years to make decisions regarding endorsements and disbursements of IIPAC funds. At those meetings, the IIPAC Board and ABI public policy staff review all races and make decisions on candidate endorsements and the appropriate levels of financial support.

All decisions are based on the following factors:

- **ABI legislator voting records on key business issues**
- **Candidate questionnaire responses**
- **Candidate interviews**
- **Feedback from ABI members**
- **Voter registration data on the legislative districts**
- **District voting history**
- **Any internal or public polling data**
- **Other available local information**

Special attention is given to candidates for open seats and legislators who have provided exceptional leadership in championing ABI issues.



2020 Legislative Victories

The PAC gives you the opportunity to collaborate with other business leaders who help define the way our issues are advocated for with statewide elected officials. The 2020 legislative session turned out to be another great one as 9 bills that ABI advocated for were signed into law. Below are some of the key achievements.

- **ABI spearheaded COVID-19 Limited Liability and Back to Business Act** which provided commonsense, robust liability protections to businesses as they were operating during the pandemic.
- **ABI also led the effort to strengthening employer protections related to marijuana usage in the workplace.** The law now explicitly makes clear employers may maintain a drug and alcohol free workplace policy.
- **Future Ready Iowa - Creates a new apprenticeship program and initiates the child care challenge fund** to incentivize child care facility construction. It also expands eligibility for the Last Dollar Scholarship Program.

IIPAC is a powerful tool in our efforts to engage and educate policymakers about the consequences their decisions have on Iowa employers and the hundreds of thousands of Iowans they employ.



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