

Petty, Love Among KS Chamber Pro-Jobs Legislators

The Kansas Chamber has released its 2013 Pro-Jobs Legislator list based on legislators' support of sound business policy that strengthens our state's economy and attracts jobs.

"This session the Legislature tackled many tough issues and tremendous progress was made in many areas that have made Kansas one of the most economically competitive states in the region," said Kansas Chamber President and CEO Mike O'Neal. "The list of Pro-Jobs Legislators identifies lawmakers who voted at least 80 percent of the time to support a wide range of business issues and ensure the state's economic health during the last session. The business community thanks these individuals for working to limit government and create jobs in Kansas."

After each legislative session, the Kansas Chamber lists the business friendly lawmakers who voted in support of the tenets of free enterprise. The Pro-Jobs Legislator list focuses solely on the core business issues that impact the state's economy. These issues range from initiatives aimed at creating a more business-friendly tax climate, containing healthcare costs, improving the legal climate, improving the workers compensation and unemployment compensation systems to promote a fair regulatory structure.

"Kansas businesses are working daily to keep their doors open and employees on the payroll. This legislative session Kansas moved forward with pro-business policies that help keep jobs in the state. The positive steps achieved this session would not have been possible without the efforts of pro-job legislators who understand the critical need for a healthy business climate," added Kansas Chamber Chair of the Board of Directors Ivan Crossland, CEO of Crossland Construction in Columbus, Kansas.

Pro-Jobs Legislators in the Kansas Senate

Steve Abrams
Pat Apple
Tom Arpke
Elaine Bowers
Terry Bruce
Jim Denning
Les Donovan
Steve Fitzgerald

Mitch Holmes
Mark Kahrs
Dan Kerschen
Jeff King
Forrest Knox
Garrett Love
Julia Lynn
Ty Masterson

Jeff Melcher
Michael O'Donnell
Rob Olson
Ralph Ostmeyer
Mary Pilcher Cook
Larry Powell
Dennis Pyle
Greg Smith
Susan Wagle

Pro-Jobs Legislators in the Kansas House of Representatives

Stephen Alford
John Barker
Sue Boldra
John Bradford
Rob Bruchman
Steven Brunk
Richard Carlson
Will Carpenter
Ward Cassidy
Susan Concannon
Ken Corbet
Travis Couture-Lovelady
David Crum

Amanda Grosserode
Dan Hawkins
Dennis Hedke
Phil Hermanson
Ron Highland
Brett Hildabrand
Kyle Hoffman
Mike Houser
Jim Howell
Steve Huebert
Mark Hutton
Kasha Kelley
Jim Kelly

Les Osterman
Virgil Peck
Reid Petty
Joshua Powell
Richard Proehl
J.R. Claeys
Marty Read
Marc Rhoades
Allan Rothlisberg
John Rubin
Ron Ryckman
Ronald Ryckman
Scott Schwab

Peter DeGraaf
Willie Dove
John Edmonds
Joe Edwards
Keith Esau
John Ewy
Shanti Gandhi
Randy Garber
Mario Goico
Ramon Gonzalez

Lance Kinzer
Marvin Kleeb
Jerry Lunn
Charles Macheers
Peggy Mast
Craig McPherson
Kelly Meigs
Ray Merrick
Bob Montgomery
Connie O'Brien

Sharon Schwartz
Joe Seiwert
Clark Shultz
Arlen Siegfried
Gene Suellentrop
Bill Sutton
Jack Thimesch
James Todd
Jene Vickrey
Troy Waymaster
Brian Weber

** Please note that Rep. Siegfried and Rep. Weber have given notice of retirement since the 2013 session.*

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