

KEY BILLS I SUPPORTED DURING THE 2011 SESSION

✓ **FIGHTING METH:** Statewide retail sales of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine products will now be tracked electronically to help prevent meth dealers from buying ingredients used to make the dangerous drug. To further curtail meth production and abuse, legislators lowered the amount of ephedrine and pseudoephedrine products that can be purchased within 30 days.



✓ **ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION:** Indiana legislators sent a clear message on illegal immigration with SEA 590, which requires all state agencies and local governmental units to confirm citizenship of new hires through the federal E-Verify system. The law denies certain tax deductions to business owners who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and tasks the Indiana Office of Management and Budget to calculate the cost of illegal immigration to Indiana taxpayers.

✓ **“SPICE” BAN:** Synthetic marijuana products – herbs sprayed with hallucinogenic chemicals – are now controlled substances across Indiana. When smoked, these products dangerously distort perceptions and impair coordination. Local ordinances passed by communities lack enforcement across jurisdictions and are limited to lesser penalties and fines. Police and prosecutors asked lawmakers for a statewide ban while federal Drug Enforcement Administration officials consider a nationwide prohibition.



✓ **UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS:** SEA 86 protects scarce unemployment insurance funds by suspending benefits for individuals failing to take or pass drug tests and thus making themselves ineligible for employment. The proposal also allows Indiana residents to take advantage of extended federal benefits, providing up to 13 additional weeks of help for those still out of work.

✓ **BACKGROUND CHECKS:** To protect Hoosier patients and promote accountability among Indiana's health-care workers, legislators passed a bill requiring medical professionals applying for first-time licenses – like nurses, physicians and pharmacists – to undergo national criminal history checks. The Indiana State Police will work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to complete background checks.



✓ **FIREARM RIGHTS:** SEA 292 will help align local firearms restrictions across Indiana with those already set by state law. Inconsistencies between local ordinances and state code create a confusing patchwork of regulations and put the rights of licensed firearm-carrying Hoosiers at risk. This is a huge step for the 250,000 law-abiding Hoosiers who hold firearms licenses.



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Dear Friends,

Indiana's Constitution specifically charges the Indiana General Assembly with drawing new legislative and congressional districts after each national census, so representation is apportioned fairly.

Republican senators for years have advocated objective redistricting guidelines that would – whenever practical – preserve traditional neighborhoods and local communities of interest; protect minority voting rights; create simply shaped, compact districts; and respect county, township and precinct lines. We stood by these principles during this session's important redistricting process.

Nine public field hearings were hosted across the state to seek input from local leaders, community groups and private citizens. Ours was the most open Indiana redistricting process in memory. In the end, the new legislative and

congressional maps were accepted with bipartisan Senate votes.

Shifting populations and applying fair guidelines resulted in many district boundaries changing – for the benefit of constituents, not politicians. For some of us lawmakers, it will mean reaching out to new neighborhoods and learning how to effectively represent the wants and needs of those areas at the Statehouse.

Whether you are a new acquaintance or a familiar friend, I want you to know I am just a phone call, mouse click or mailbox away.

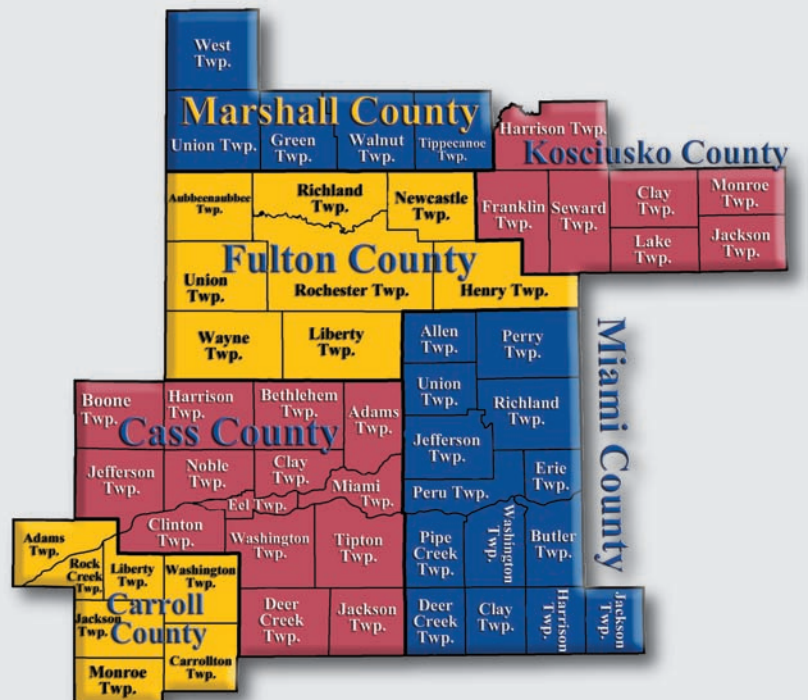
Sincerely yours,

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State Senator



MAP OF NEW SENATE DISTRICT 18





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2011 Focus: Low-Tax, Pro-Job Policies

Senate Republicans were on the job the entire 2011 legislative session, preserving and building on Indiana's low-tax, pro-growth state policies.

While government doesn't effectively create jobs, government policies can encourage private-sector investment. Lawmakers this year remained committed to helping Indiana recover faster and better by keeping our state policies employer-friendly.

Passing a balanced budget, avoiding job-killing tax hikes and maintaining prudent reserves remained top priorities for Senate lawmakers. With the national recession reducing state revenues to 2005 levels, legislators insisted on tight spending limits, just as Hoosier families, farmers and employers do every day. We prioritized education and essential services, while protecting Indiana taxpayers.

Hoosiers have historically been generous in funding needs of K-12 education, but today demand the best education possible for those taxpayer funds. About \$150 million in additional, statewide school funding was approved, including monies for full-day kindergarten and rewards for outstanding teachers. Beyond controlling government spending and providing for a well-educated workforce, Senate Republicans offered several job-related proposals to positively impact Indiana's economy for generations to come:

Attractive, Competitive Taxes: A Senate-initiated

2010 bipartisan study concluded the state's relatively high corporate tax rate could be hurting efforts to keep and attract employers and jobs they provide Hoosiers.

mental updates of generating facilities, incentivizes clean energy and provides more affordable pay-as-you-go recovery of needed investments.



"Buy Local": Gov. Mitch Daniels implemented the "Buy Indiana" program in 2005 to help revive the state's economy by promoting state purchases from Hoosier companies. Senators introduced and passed a measure this year to help revitalize hometown economies by encouraging local governments to reinvest through area vendors. "Buy Local" helps Indiana employers compete with larger, often out-of-state companies.

Young Entrepreneurs: Small businesses create six in 10 new jobs – most resulting from new business start-ups. Clearly, small businesses are key to economic recovery. This year, GOP senators advocated a "Young Entrepreneurs Program"

to complement universities' business curricula by matching first-time employers with Indiana communities, so business plans can be better tailored and more Hoosiers can be put to work.

Foreign Markets: Senators pushed for a proposal ensuring Hoosier grain producers are at the forefront of foreign exports. Without it, Indiana had no certification process guaranteeing to world markets that our commercial feed manufacturers follow industry standards. Purdue University and Indiana Farm Bureau advised us on this proposal intended to help our rural economies and urban logistical hubs.

Indiana's current rate is among the highest nationwide, giving our state higher combined federal and state corporate taxes than Germany or Japan. An adopted Senate plan will reduce our state rate, making Indiana more attractive and fostering private-sector job growth.

Ample, Affordable Energy: Availability of lower-cost energy is of major concern to employers looking to expand and relocate. Forecasters estimate our state will require 30 percent more energy by 2025. In response, senators helped develop Indiana's first-ever comprehensive energy plan for safe, affordable, dependable power. Senate Enrolled Act 251 encourages environ-

PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST



ENCOURAGING PARENT ACCOUNTABILITY

Parents play vital roles in shaping children's ability to succeed in school and have regular attendance. Lawmakers approved allowing local school superintendents to address habitual truancy by reporting it first to the student's parents and then, if need be, to the Indiana Department of Child Services or local juvenile court.



PROTECTING STUDENT ATHLETES

Nearly 135,000 adolescents nationwide experience dangerous, sometimes deadly sports-related concussions every year. To better protect Hoosiers, high school student-athletes with head injuries will be removed from events and evaluated by medical professionals. Coaches, athletes and parents will be given information about the risks, signs and treatment of concussions.



SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGHER ED, TECHNICAL TRAINING

Hoosier students who study diligently to complete high school requirements one year early will be eligible for new \$4,000 state-funded scholarships to attend Indiana colleges or technical schools. Students would be required to be enrolled at approved postsecondary education institutions within five months of graduating early from high school to receive the scholarships.

Lawmakers worked to preserve 100 percent college-tuition reimbursement for currently enrolled sons and daughters of deceased and disabled Indiana veterans. To ensure funds are available in the future for deserving children of those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, lawmakers reformed a few eligibility requirements. One change includes a provision to confirm an applicant's mother or father was a resident of Indiana at the time of enlistment or had been a resident of Indiana for at least five years prior to applying for these scholarship benefits.



Despite tough economic times, Indiana legislators also fully funded the state's popular 21st Century Scholarship program. Under the plan, low-income 7th and 8th grade students who stay out of trouble with the law, remain drug-free and perform well academically through high school graduation will continue to be eligible for these full college-tuition scholarships.

NEW POLLING SITES PROVIDE CONVENIENCE TO VOTERS

A new law authorizes the continued use of vote centers in Cass County and allows it as an option for the entire state. All counties can now choose to replace traditional precinct polling sites with more centralized voting locations.



Tested in the 2008 election cycle, results showed centralized voting locations placed in high-traffic areas (like grocery stores) provide convenience and can help reduce expenses for contracting, staffing and equipping polling sites.

INCENTIVES FOR LOCAL UNITS TO VOLUNTARILY CONSOLIDATE

I crafted legislation allowing local governments to retain parts of their levies and budgets that would otherwise be reduced, because of government reorganizations. With these financial incentives, more local officials may be motivated to cut costs, find efficiencies and consolidate.

This new law allows, but does not require, local units to merge departments or functions.

Local governments could keep up to 50 percent of any savings the first year after a merger. The amount would be phased down to 10 percent after four years and continue at that rate.