BIPAC Announces Initial Endorsements for 2016 Elections
Action Fund Identifies and Supports Pro-Jobs Candidates for the U.S. Senate and House

WASHINGTON DC – Today, the Business-Industry Political Action Committee’s Action Fund has announced the endorsement of five incumbent U.S. Senators and eight incumbent Members of the U.S. House of Representatives running for re-election in 2016. They have been identified by BIPAC members, state, and local employers and business organizations as being the strongest advocates for growing America’s economy, creating jobs, and increasing economic prosperity.

BIPAC was founded in 1963 as a bipartisan business coalition and is dedicated to increasing the political effectiveness of America’s business community. The Action Fund, the non-connected political action committee of BIPAC, helps elect candidates to the U.S. Congress with a demonstrated record of supporting economic growth and job creation.

The candidates receiving BIPAC endorsements are:

U.S. Senate:

- Richard Burr (R-NC)
- Mark Kirk (R-IL)
- Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Pat Toomey (R-PA)
- Todd Young (R-IN)

U.S. House:

- Mike Bost (R-IL 12)
- Ryan Costello (R-PA 6)
- Rodney Davis (R-IL 13)
- Bob Dold (R-IL 10)
- Will Hurd (R-TX 23)
- Pat Meehan (R-PA 7)
- Martha Roby (R-AL 1)
- Bill Shuster (R-PA 9)
Additional endorsements will be made for upcoming primary and general races once a broad consensus amongst BIPAC, its members, and its partners is met.

Former Congressman and current BIPAC President and Chief Executive Officer Jim Gerlach, who too formerly was a recipient of Action Fund support, said “historically, a BIPAC endorsement, has been considered as a bellwether for the business community. It identifies that the candidate has the support of America’s job creators, and that they will be a part of a bipartisan coalition in Congress that is focused on creating new jobs and protecting our nation’s economic future.”

Candidates endorsed by BIPAC have been recommended and vetted by a non-partisan volunteer committee of members representing a cross-section of business industries.

As a result of the endorsement, BIPAC’s Action Fund will make a contribution to each candidate’s campaign as well as bundle contributions from its membership on behalf of the endorsed candidates. Additionally, BIPAC will provide local employers the tools to directly engage employees in the endorsed candidates states or districts to work towards a stronger, more prosperous economic climate for those employees.

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**About BIPAC**
The Business-Industry Political Action Committee was founded in 1963. Through its Political Action Fund it works to elect pro-business candidates to Congress. BIPAC’s Business Institute for Political Analysis carries out extensive programs of political analysis, research and communications on campaigns and elections, and fosters business participation in the political process. Learn more at [www.bipacaction.org](http://www.bipacaction.org).