Four Additional U.S. House Candidates Endorsed by the BIPAC Action Fund

2016 Endorsements Announced by the Business-Industry Political Action Committee

WASHINGTON DC – Today, the Business-Industry Political Action Committee’s Action Fund has announced its next round of candidate endorsements for the U.S. House of Representatives:

- Carlos Curbelo (R-FL 26)
- Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA 8)
- Denise Gitsham (R-CA 52)
- John Mica (R-FL 7)

They join eight U.S. Senate candidates and 22 other U.S. House candidates already endorsed this year by the BIPAC Action Fund, which was founded in 1963 as America’s first political action committee identifying individuals who support the ideals of free enterprise and promote policy solutions that create jobs and economic prosperity.


“Brian Fitzpatrick has demonstrated leadership through his service to the American people over a decade and a half in the FBI and as Special Assistant United States Attorney,” continued Gerlach. He is a licensed attorney and CPA.

“As a small business owner, Denise Gitsham knows the importance of innovation and job-creation,” said Gerlach. “She has helped to bring jobs and innovation to San Diego and could bring a great deal of experience – through her previous roles in the U.S. Department of Justice and White House – to the Hill,” continued Gerlach.

“Representative John Mica has a strong pro-business voting record and has been an advocate for the business community,” said Gerlach. “Mica has supported efforts to enact a balanced budget amendment and to rein in Federal spending. He also worked to promote paying down the national debt and the dangers that the national debt poses to our economic stability,” continued Gerlach.
The previously announced endorsed candidates for this cycle are:

**U.S. Senate:**

- John Boozman (R-AR)
- Charles Boustany (R-LA)
- Richard Burr (R-NC)
- Joe Heck (R-NV)
- Mark Kirk (R-IL)
- Rob Portman (R-OH)
- Pat Toomey (R-PA)
- Todd Young (R-IN)

**U.S. House:**

- Brad Ashford (D-NE 2)
- Rod Blum (R-IA 1)
- Mike Bost (R-IL 12)
- Barbara Comstock (R-VA 10)
- Ryan Costello (R-PA 6)
- Henry Cuellar (D-TX 28)
- Rodney Davis (R-IL 13)
- Jeff Denham (R-CA 10)
- Bob Dold (R-IL 10)
- Crescent Hardy (R-NV 4)
- Will Hurd (R-TX 23)
- John Katko (R-NY 24)
- Steve Knight (R-CA 25)
- Pat Meehan (R-PA 7)
- Collin Peterson (D-MN 7)
- Bruce Poliquin (R-ME 2)
- Martha Roby (R-AL 2)
- Bill Shuster (R-PA 9)
- Lloyd Smucker (R-PA 16)
- Elise Stefanik (R-NY 21)
- David Valadao (R-CA 21)
- David Young (R-IA 3)

All candidates endorsed and supported by the BIPAC Action Fund have been recommended and vetted by a non-partisan volunteer committee of business who represent various industries. The endorsements were vetted by local businesses and business groups who participated in the decision making process. The endorsements will be communicated to hundreds of corporation and business trade association political action committees ahead of the 2016 Election.
BIPAC was founded in 1963 as a non-partisan 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.

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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).