



## **Immediate Release**

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### **Illinois Chamber Presents the Bridge Builder Award to House Recipient, Representative Jeff Keicher**

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates Representative Jeff Keicher for receiving our *Bridge Builder Award*. The Bridge Builder is our newest award which recognizes bipartisanship and collaboration in the General Assembly. Today's release is the second of four to be issued this week.

Keicher, a member of leadership, quickly accumulated an impressive list of accomplishments that have earned him respect and admiration from both Republicans and Democrats. Some of his notable achievements include the passage of a new law in 2019 to expand the availability of mammogram screenings, as well as enacting a package of economic reforms that led to the creation of thousands of well-paying local jobs including at Meta's Data Center in DeKalb. Since then, Leader Keicher served as a member of the Commission on Poverty Elimination and Economic Security, collaborating closely with local stakeholders and community leaders throughout the state. A graduate of Northern Illinois University, Leader Keicher has accumulated over 25 years of professional experience in the insurance industry. In 2006, he established his own State Farm Insurance Agency in Sycamore, which has grown into a successful and expanding agency in DeKalb County, serving the northern Illinois region.

"Leader Keicher symbolizes what we need more of in the state, legislators that work across party lines to impact lives, his demeanor and impact are key reasons why we are glad to bestow this award upon him," said Lou Sandoval, President and CEO, Illinois Chamber of Commerce. "We look forward to our continued collaboration with the Representative in the upcoming session."

"Congratulations to Leader Jeff Keicher for receiving the Illinois Chamber of Commerce Bridge Builder Award," said Illinois House Republican Leader Tony McCombie. "This recognition highlights Jeff's commitment to fostering collaboration and good communication with our colleagues despite differences in politics. His unwavering determination to consistently reach across the aisle and build bridges has led to the creation of better policies, making positive impact on Illinois businesses and families around the state!"

"Illinois needs the businesses represented by the Illinois Chamber to be financially viable," said Jeff Keicher, Representative District 70. "I look forward to supporting those businesses and the Chamber in the years to come."

The Illinois Chamber will be presenting these awards in the district to the awardees over the upcoming months.

#### ***About the Bridge Builder Award***

*With the Bridge Builder award, the Illinois Chamber recognizes two legislators from each chamber, one from each caucus, who display a willingness and effectiveness in reaching across the aisle to work together to make Illinois a more attractive place to conduct business. Rep.*

Delgado's recognition is the first of four we will issue this week.

***About the Illinois Chamber of Commerce***

*Founded in 1919, as one of the oldest state business organizations, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce represents over 3,000 businesses statewide covering a diverse range of industries. As the leading business organization in Illinois, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advocating for a business environment that promotes economic growth, free enterprise, and economic prosperity for businesses of all sizes and across all industries.*

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