



May 1, 2024

Dear Indiana Chamber of Commerce,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for OneZone Chamber of Commerce. As the Mayor of Fishers, I have witnessed firsthand the invaluable contributions that OneZone makes to our community.

The OneZone Chamber of Commerce plays a key role in supporting economic growth and businesses within our community. Through their dedication to promoting local businesses, advocating for favorable business conditions, and providing resources and networking opportunities, the Chamber is instrumental in driving our local economy forward.

Jack Russel, his team, and his board have been critical to garnering support for vital initiatives for my administration. Our partnership led to our ability to build broad support for a Food & Beverage Tax increase to aid the Fishers Event Center which has already proven to bolster Fishers' economy. We expanded our partnership even further when we needed business support to pass a public safety ordinance to reduce public nuisance issues. As a result, the rollout of the ordinance was a success and has led to stronger relationships between our Police Chief and business owners to reduce safety complaints.

When it comes to the traditional efforts of a chamber of commerce, OneZone excels in every way. From connecting CEOs in our quarterly lunches with my administration to identifying opportunities and support for XBE Businesses, without OneZone's collaboration and advocacy, we would not be able to achieve the goals we've set to be a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial community.

As Mayor, I am proud to collaborate with the OneZone Chamber of Commerce on various projects and initiatives that benefit our community. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant and prosperous Fishers that offers opportunities for growth and prosperity for all.

Please accept my recommendation for OneZone to be named Outstanding Chamber of the Year. I look forward to our continued partnership and to seeing the positive impact that we can make together.

Yours in Service

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Scott A. Fadness  
Mayor of Fishers



Date: 4/29/24

To: ICEA

From: David Greene, Region President First Merchants Bank

I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for the remarkable work being done by the One Zone Chamber of Commerce. As the Region President for First Merchants Bank, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the invaluable contributions made by this organization to our community.

One Zone is more than just a chamber of commerce; it is a driving force behind the growth and prosperity of not only Carmel and Fishers Indiana but, all of Hamilton County. What sets OneZone apart is its unwavering dedication to fostering collaboration and synergy among businesses, households, non-profit organizations, and government entities. This proactive approach has resulted in the creation of a vibrant and inclusive environment where all segments of the population feel welcome and empowered.

The tireless efforts of the OneZone team have played a pivotal role in attracting new businesses to our region, stimulating economic development, and enhancing the overall quality of life for residents. Their commitment to building bridges and forging meaningful connections has strengthened the fabric of our community and positioned us for continued success in the years to come.

As Region President for First Merchants Bank, I am continually inspired by the vision and leadership demonstrated by Jack Russel (President & CEO of OneZone) and the rest of his team. Their dedication to excellence and their passion for serving the needs of our community are truly commendable.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the OneZone Chamber of Commerce and express my deepest gratitude for their invaluable contributions to our region. I am honored to be associated with such an exceptional organization and look forward to our continued partnership in shaping a brighter future for Hamilton County.

Sincerely  
David Greene

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April 29, 2024

Indiana Chambers Executive Association  
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Re: ICEA Chamber of the Year

As a not-for-profit financial cooperative serving 162,095 members, FORUM Credit Union's purpose is *"helping members live their financial dreams."* A component of our purpose is to support the communities in which we serve. With fourteen branch locations and members throughout the state of Indiana, a portion of our civic involvement is often funneled through chambers of commerce. This letter of support for OneZone Chamber is the result of their work in Hamilton County, where FORUM Credit Union is headquartered. The core values at OneZone align with FORUM's and their programming is a win-win-win benefit – a win for the local community, a win for our local business neighbors, and a win for FORUM as our teammates grow and network via their efforts. It is a privilege to be an active OneZone Chamber member and we are grateful for their work in helping communities thrive.

Doug True

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chief executive officer



April 8, 2024

Dear ICEA Chamber of the Year Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the nomination of the OneZone Chamber of Commerce as this year's ICEA Chamber of the Year. Since the merger of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber, OneZone has continuously demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to the advancement of our community.

OneZone Chamber has played a pivotal role as the key convener for the Hamilton Heights Ford NGL (Next Generation Learning) initiative, a collaborative community-driven approach aimed at achieving a range of critical outcomes. This initiative, spearheaded by OneZone, has been instrumental in fostering increased community prosperity, strengthening our talent pipeline, preparing our young people for college, careers, and leadership, promoting educational equity and justice, and enhancing our community's capacity to contribute and thrive.

Furthermore, since the merger, OneZone's CEO has served admirably as the Vice President of our Hamilton Heights Education Foundation, demonstrating a deep commitment to supporting educational initiatives and initiatives aimed at the betterment of our students' futures. Additionally, I have personally experienced the dedication and collaboration of OneZone through our monthly meetings, where we work together to ensure that our efforts are aligned and optimized to best serve the needs of our students.

As the Superintendent of Hamilton Heights Schools, serving three smaller communities, I can attest to the invaluable role that OneZone plays in amplifying our collective voice at the local, county, and state levels. Their ability to mobilize quickly and effectively on critical issues has provided our school district and the communities we serve with a powerful platform to advocate for our interest and effect positive change.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse OneZone Chamber of Commerce for the prestigious title of ICEA Chamber of the Year. Their dedication, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community make them truly deserving of this honor, I am confident that OneZone will continue to serve as a beacon of excellence and inspiration for chambers across the state.

Respectfully submitted,



Derek Arrowood, PhD.

Superintendent

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May 1, 2024

Indiana Chambers Executive Association  
413 Miles Ridge Road  
Madison, IN 47250

Subject: ICEA Chamber of the Year Award

To whom this may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Indianapolis Airport Authority to express our support for the OneZone Chamber of Commerce's application for the Indiana Chamber of the Year Award. As a key stakeholder in the economic landscape of Hamilton County, we have witnessed firsthand the remarkable contributions and unwavering dedication of the OneZone Chamber of Commerce to the growth and prosperity of the region.

OneZone serves as a beacon of progress, playing a pivotal role in fostering the vibrant communities of Carmel, Fishers, and all of Hamilton County. Despite being a small team, their impact resonates far and wide, leaving an indelible mark on the landscape of the region.

OneZone's tireless efforts have been instrumental in attracting new businesses to the area, catalyzing economic growth, and elevating the quality of life for residents across Hamilton County. Their proactive approach and strategic initiatives have created an environment conducive to business success, driving innovation and prosperity for all.

Moreover, OneZone stands as a powerful advocate for our community, championing the interests of businesses both large and small. Their advocacy efforts have been instrumental in shaping policies that promote sustainable growth and development, ensuring a bright and prosperous future for generations to come.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority enthusiastically endorses the OneZone Chamber of Commerce for the Indiana Chamber of the Year Award. Their exemplary leadership, unwavering commitment, and transformative impact have undoubtedly earned them this esteemed recognition. We are proud to stand alongside OneZone in its mission to make Fishers and Carmel a thriving hub of opportunity and prosperity.

Thank you for considering our letter of support.

Sincerely,

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Marsha Wurster



May 3, 20224

Dear ICEA Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter to endorse OneZone Chamber of Commerce as this year's ICEA Chamber of the Year.

I've been involved with OneZone for over five years and have appreciated the focus on connections, advocacy, leadership development, and celebrations. OneZone's dedication to the community is unmatched and the innovation necessary to link multiple high performing growth markets to aligned objectives is appreciated by the business community.

OneZone has the ability to engage both the local business community and government officials to tackle complex issues that have multiple unintended consequences. The ability to bring influencers together to navigate these challenges leads to better communities for families and businesses to thrive.

One of my favorite programs that OneZone delivers is "Eggs and Issues". I appreciate the name of the program, as it's over breakfast and it's typically a government leader sharing perspectives on some of the most pressing issues of our community. I find substance and depth in these programs, it's more than just networking and meeting other community members, it's about discussing what matters and how we improve our communities.

In conclusion, I support OneZone as the ICEA Chamber of the Year and appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chad Dilley'.

Chad Dilley, FACHE

President

Ascension St. Vincent Carmel

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Dear ICEA Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the OneZone Chamber as it applies for the Indiana Chamber Executive Association's Chamber of the Year award. Having worked with the OneZone Chamber in various capacities over the years, I have witnessed firsthand their dedication toward the local business environment within Hamilton County. Out of the 1,300 businesses they serve in this area of our state, over 500 are in Carmel alone.

Under the visionary guidance of Chamber President Jack Russell and his leadership team, the OneZone Chamber has played a pivotal role in promoting business prosperity, enhancing workforce development initiatives, and creating a vibrant and inclusive business ecosystem. Their support of disability employment efforts, developing conversations around the need for childcare in the workplace, and providing countless resources have empowered businesses of all sizes to thrive and succeed. They have been strong champions of the Carmel Comprehensive Plan and host an XBE Workshop Series which assists businesses attempting to achieve this accreditation. Furthermore, OneZone has been an integral partner in making Carmel one of the best places to start a business in the Midwest.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly endorse the OneZone Chamber for the Chamber of the Year award. Their exceptional achievements and profound impact on our region make it an exemplary chamber deserving of this prestigious recognition.

Thank you for considering my endorsement of the OneZone Chamber's application for the Chamber of the Year award. I am confident that their leadership and innovative spirit will continue to inspire and elevate our business community for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Sue Finkam  
Mayor, City of Carmel

May 2, 2024

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to support the OneZone Chamber of Commerce in Hamilton County, Indiana. Over the last 30 years, I have worked with several Chambers of Commerce in various states, and I've never been more impressed with the work and services I have experienced in OneZone. Many Chambers of Commerce are identified in businesses as a sticker on a window to show that they are a community organization member.

For the businesses that experienced the wide array of products and services offered at OneZone, I believe the perspective of a Chamber of Commerce is quickly reset as they experience the talented staff and OneZone programming. The tireless advocacy work, networking, and over seventy events each year allow the members an endless opportunity to promote their businesses and obtain vital resources that many of these small businesses could never have imagined existed. This small but mighty team continues to innovate to meet the changing needs of its members and has become a vital brand ambassador to businesses and the towns they serve.

Respectfully,



Martin Rosenberg, M.S.  
Chief Executive Officer





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# Sheridan Community Schools

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*Dr. Dave Mundy, Superintendent*

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03/27/2024

Dear ICEA Selection Committee,

I am writing this letter to wholeheartedly endorse the OneZone Chamber of Commerce for consideration as this year's ICEA Chamber of the Year. Since the merger of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber, OneZone has exemplified unparalleled dedication and effectiveness in serving our community.

As the Superintendent of Sheridan Schools, I have had the privilege of witnessing firsthand the transformative impact of OneZone's initiatives on our local area. OneZone's endorsement and active engagement in our recent referendum were instrumental in achieving an outstanding approval rate of 81%. This resounding success is a testament to the Chamber's unwavering commitment to championing causes that benefit our community.

OneZone's ability to swiftly address issues at the local, county, and state levels has been nothing short of remarkable. Despite being a smaller community, having a chamber that can mobilize quickly and effectively has given us a powerful voice in advocating for our interests. Whether it's advocating for educational reforms, supporting local businesses, or promoting community development projects, OneZone consistently demonstrates leadership and effectiveness in advancing our collective goals.

The merger of the Northern Hamilton County Chamber has undoubtedly strengthened our community's capacity to tackle challenges and seize opportunities. OneZone's collaborative approach and proactive stance have fostered a culture of innovation and progress, inspiring other chambers to follow suit.

In conclusion, I wholeheartedly support OneZone's nomination for the ICEA Chamber of the Year. Their dedication, advocacy, and effectiveness have made a profound and lasting impact on our community, and I am confident that they will continue to serve as a beacon of excellence for chambers across the state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Mundy

Superintendent of Sheridan Schools