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DOR Selects Commissioner's Tax Advisory Council Members *Challenges members to active discussion and improvement-focused feedback*

INDIANAPOLIS (January 16, 2018) – Commissioner Adam Krupp of the Indiana Department of Revenue (DOR) announced the members of his first-ever Tax Advisory Council today. Advisory members were hand-selected to foster community collaboration amongst engaging tax professionals from various fields to provide direct feedback for overall process and operational improvements.

“The Commissioner’s Tax Advisory Council is a paramount opportunity for our agency to work with a collective wealth of experience, subject matter expertise, and viewpoints outside the agency that will undoubtedly ensure we have more access than ever to the voice of our customers,” said Commissioner Krupp.

“Last year we developed a new mission statement for Indiana’s Department of Revenue: ‘to serve Indiana by administering tax laws in a fair, secure and efficient manner’ coupled with a lofty vision to be recognized as the premier tax administrator in the country. The insights and collective work product we hope to gain from this council will better enable us to achieve our mission and someday make our vision a reality. Hoosiers will benefit tremendously from this endeavor.”

Commissioner Krupp received applications from all over the state and across the country from tax professionals, attorneys, business stakeholders, advocates and scholars wanting the opportunity to provide valuable input on tax administration for the State of Indiana. Hoosiers appointed to the council include:

- Frank DiPietro, Bloomington, Director of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic with Indiana Legal Services, Inc.
- Carol Flynn, Sellersburg, Owner of Flynn Accounting, LLC
- Philip Jackson, Indianapolis, Director at OnTarget CPA
- Monty Korte, Zionsville, Partner at Ernst & Young, LLP
- John Laszlo, Merrillville, CPA and Attorney for Laszlo & Associates, P.C.
- Stacey McCreery, Fishers, Founder and President of ROI Search Group
- Donna Niesen, Indianapolis, Partner at Katz, Sapper & Miller in State & Local Tax
- Mark Richards, Indianapolis, Partner at Ice Miller, LLP
- Kyle Simmerman, Indianapolis, Partner at BGBC Partners, LLP in State Tax Services
- Ben Smith, Muncie, President and CEO of Estep-Doctor & Company
- Patrick Thomas, South Bend, Professor of the Practice and Director of the Notre Dame Clinical Law Center
- Bill Waltz, Indianapolis, Vice President of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce



“I applied to become part of the DOR Advisory Council because I strongly believe in what Commissioner Krupp brings to the table in revising and refining how the DOR conducts its day-to-day operations,” said Ben Smith, President and CEO of Estep-Doctor & Company. “I feel I can bring my 28 years of experience to better help the State of Indiana administer its tax processes and help all Indiana taxpayers while doing so.”

In addition to the above listed members, Commissioner Krupp also appointed two additional tax professionals from outside Indiana to provide a national perspective on the council. Those two members include:

- Jim Eads, Austin, Texas, Principal at Ryan, LLC and Ryan Advocacy
- Lauren Hagwood, San Diego, Calif., Senior State Government Relations Manager with Intuit

The 14-member Commissioner’s Tax Advisory Council will serve two-year appointments meeting quarterly, starting in late January. For more information regarding the Commissioner’s Tax Advisory Council and its members, visit www.in.gov/dor.

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