



Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR® Political Involvement Fund

**ILLINOIS FARM BUREAU ACTIVATOR® ENDORSES  
PATRICK WINDHORST FOR ILLINOIS STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
IN THE 117TH DISTRICT**

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – County Farm Bureau leaders in the 117<sup>th</sup> House District serving as trustees for Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR® — the organization’s political action committee — are endorsing Rep. Patrick Windhorst for re-election.

Windhorst was unanimously endorsed when county Farm Bureau leaders met to discuss his current voting record.

If elected, Windhorst will serve the new 117<sup>th</sup> House District, which accounts for close to 60% of the district he currently represents. The new area includes all or part of Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Saline, Franklin, White and Williamson counties.

Windhorst was appointed to the state House of Representatives in 2018 and has positively impacted rural communities during his short time in office. In 2019, he introduced and helped pass legislation to create the Rural Economic Development Task Force to evaluate the conditions, needs and issues in agriculture. The task force, which he currently sits on, also helped identify actions and legislation needed to promote economic development in rural communities.

Windhorst has proven he’s a friend to agriculture by supporting legislation that benefits farmers. He’s helped create processes for landowners to work more closely with local highway commissioners and has also helped protect private property rights by opposing the use of eminent domain by private utility companies. In addition, he’s encouraged health departments to expand market opportunities for small farmers in the food industry.

Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR® trustees are proud to call Windhorst a “friend of agriculture.”

The endorsement by Illinois Farm Bureau ACTIVATOR® places Windhorst in a group of select individuals in the state. They understand the leading role agriculture plays in the state's economy and the far-reaching benefits of its products. It proves he recognizes that agriculture’s benefits go beyond the vital function of feeding Illinois, the nation and the world.

ACTIVATOR®, Illinois Agricultural Association/Illinois Farm Bureau's Political Involvement Fund, is a voluntary, non-profit, segregated fund promoting the economic and social well-being of farmers and helps to elect pro-farm candidates, no matter their party affiliations. ACTIVATOR® trustees are local Farm Bureau leaders appointed to evaluate candidates for endorsement.

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