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INDIANA FISCAL POLICY INSTITUTE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT

Veteran Journalist to Lead State's Top Private Governmental Research Organization

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (September 3, 2009) – The Indiana Fiscal Policy Institute (IFPI) today named John Ketzenberger as president of the non-profit, governmental research organization which for more than two decades has been the only independent statewide source of innovative research regarding state taxing and spending policies in Indiana.

For the past four years, Ketzenberger has served as the lead business columnist for *The Indianapolis Star*, the state's largest newspaper. The award-winning journalist has covered business and politics in Indiana for 23 years and is known for his strong understanding of the major issues facing the state.

“We are thrilled to have John lead our organization. His vast experience and knowledge of both the political and budget processes will not only serve the Institute well, but also the taxpayers of Indiana,” said Steve Rahn, chairman of the IFPI Board of Directors. “For 22 years, the Institute’s work has touched the lives of Indiana citizens with its nonpartisan approach to providing information on emerging issues impacting Indiana’s fiscal health.”

Ketzenberger, who will begin his role as president on September 14th, plans to build on the Institute’s strong history of providing critical research to state lawmakers, taxpayers, and the media.

“I am excited to join the Institute and look forward to continuing the organization’s mission of being the leading, credible source for research and analysis,” said Ketzenberger. “I truly want the Institute to have a statewide presence and am ready to grow our membership. After speaking with elected officials and business leaders, it is clear to me that the Institute’s work is vital to Indiana’s future.”

For 23 years, Ketzenberger has worked as a news reporter and editor. In addition to *The Indianapolis Star*, Ketzenberger covered business and politics for *The Indianapolis Business Journal*; *The Fort Wayne Journal Gazette*; and Gannett News Service.

A graduate of Ball State University, Ketzenberger serves as vice president of the Indianapolis Press Club Foundation and is on the board of the Indiana Professional chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

ABOUT THE INDIANA FISCAL POLICY INSTITUTE

The IFPI was formed in 1987, and is a private, non-profit governmental research organization and Indiana's only independent statewide source of continuing research into the impact of state taxing and spending policies in Indiana. Historically, the IFPI has been privately supported by a variety of organizations, corporations, associations, and individuals in Indiana and surrounding states. Contributions to the IFPI are fully tax deductible under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. For more information please visit: www.indianafiscal.org

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