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David Bausman serves as the General Counsel for the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) where he is the chief legal advisor and ethics officer for the agency. He also manages ISDA's Public Affairs team which is responsible for the agency's policy development at the federal, state and local level, and he is currently overseeing the agency's efforts in creating the Agricultural Portal, which was a Governor Braun legislative priority from this past session. Bausman was previously at ISDA from July 2013 to January 2017 when he led the policy and regulatory affairs team at the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) working on leading the agency's legislative and policy efforts.

Prior to rejoining ISDA, Bausman held the role of General Counsel with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources where he worked on various conservation issues such as forest management, carbon sequestration, and drainage issues. His time at ISDA and DNR has given him a wide range of experience dealing with agricultural and conservation issues facing Indiana's farmers.

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