



PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES **KANSAS 2020**

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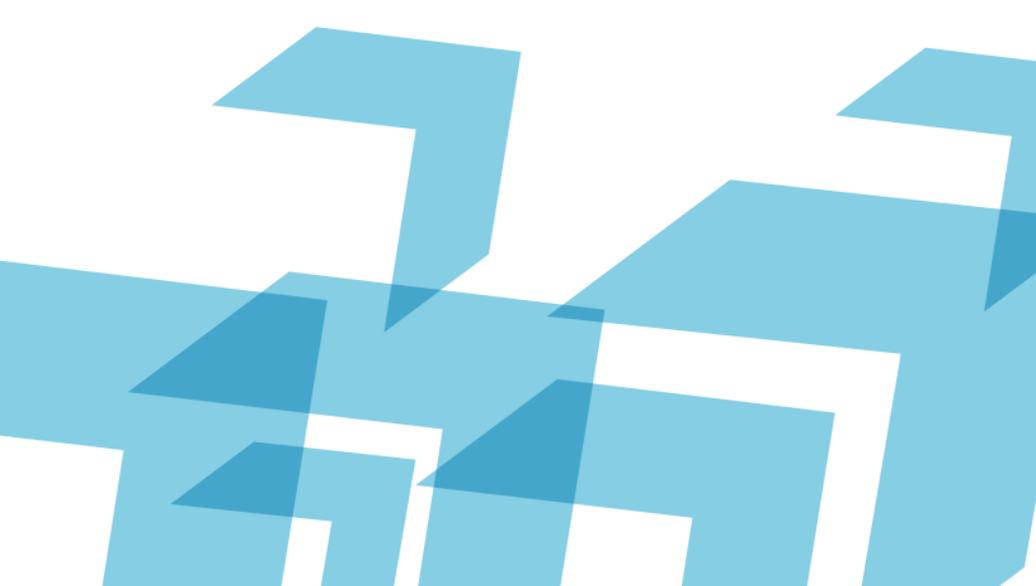
The KC Chamber has been a staunch supporter of Medicaid Expansion for years in Kansas. Medicaid Expansion would spur economic activity in the state and add thousands of jobs to the Kansas economy. The KC Chamber calls on the Kansas Legislature and governor to work together for a Kansas Medicaid Expansion plan to close the coverage gap for working Kansans and ensure adequate funding for health care providers serving the economically disadvantaged in Kansas.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT >>>

Kansas City's economic success depends on providing an educated and ready workforce to fill the needs in our community in order to attract new employers to the region and to retain the businesses we have now. At a time of record-low unemployment and noted skills gap, there is a desperate need for qualified workers among area employers. The KC Chamber supports policies to reduce barriers to employment, including for justice-involved individuals, to improve training and to encourage participation in the regional workforce.

TRANSPORTATION >>>

The KC Chamber supports appropriate investment in transportation infrastructure including effective and innovative ways to help capture federal investment and fund all modes of transportation throughout the bistate region. The upgrade of our infrastructure is imperative to economic growth, public safety and quality of life priorities.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY >>>

The KC Chamber supports a balanced tax structure and fiscal responsibility that enables funding pro-business policy initiatives and eliminates additional reductions in critical programs including education, infrastructure and the wellbeing of all Kansans, including:

- Support well-structured and responsible economic and community development programs, including STAR Bonds, to ensure Kansas remains competitive for business prosperity;
- Support the fair collection of internet sales tax revenues for the state and local governments to ensure Kansas businesses are competitive in the global economy; and,
- Continue supporting efforts to ensure economic development incentives and tools used within the Kansas City metropolitan area are utilized solely for projects that create net new jobs in the Kansas City region.



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