



PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES **MISSOURI 2020**

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 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 the governor's 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.

TORT REFORM >>>

To ensure a stable and predictable business climate in Missouri, the KC Chamber supports measures to improve the state's legal climate, including:

- Limit excessive punitive damages;
- Maintain historic standards for public nuisance claims;
- Eliminate joint and several liability;
- Oppose legislation to weaken non-competes laws; and,
- Reform asbestos litigation, curb Missouri Merchandising Practices Act lawsuits, and set a reasonable outer time limit (statute of repose) on lawsuits involving older products.



FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY >>>

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

- Supports measures to extend the earnings tax reauthorization period for Kansas City, Missouri;
- Support the fair collection of internet sales tax revenues for the state and local governments to ensure Missouri 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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