



MISSOURI STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2023

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COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION

The KC Chamber and Civic Council believe that our local elected officials know best how to govern their communities and manage their economies. We support policies that enhance the Kansas City region's national reputation as a great place to live, work, build a business, and visit. We support the preservation of local authority for local taxation and spending decisions.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Kansas City's economic success depends on providing an educated and ready workforce to fill the needs in our community and attract new employers to the region. Policies should foster full employment and a quality and ready workforce for the 21st Century economy and attract world-class talent. The KC Chamber and Civic Council support the accountability, transparency, performance, and growth standards necessary to ensure quality education for Pre-K-12 and post-secondary education. This also includes expanding childcare access and improving opportunities to retain and recruit quality workforce educators.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

In an increasingly complex 21st century economy, the KC Chamber and Civic Council call for a pro-business climate of legislative and regulatory stability, predictability, and efficiency allowing businesses to plan for growth and expansion including measures below:

- Support measures to extend the earnings tax renewal authorization for Kansas City, Missouri
- Support tax certainty for employers and employees regarding remote work allowing employers to determine the location where remote work is deemed to be performed, and advocate for balanced taxation and fiscally responsible measures that don't eliminate critical safety-net investments;
- Support the equitable distribution of recovery and relief funds;
- Support for the 2023 KC Consensus Agenda on Economic Development.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

There is an undeniable link between the financial health of our businesses and the overall health and wellness of our workforce, and a healthy workforce is paramount to a vibrant regional economy. The KC Chamber and Civic Council support full implementation and funding MO Healthnet, especially to help cover uninsured population.



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