

KANSAS STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2022

The Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce (KC Chamber) and the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City (Civic Council) are committed to working across state, county and community lines to advocate for a robust business community, inclusive prosperity and sustainable solutions to close opportunity gaps in economic development, education and workforce development, social and criminal justice, and healthcare.

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. The KC Chamber and Civic Council support policies to improve quality education opportunities for Pre-K-20, reduce barriers to employment and encourage participation in the regional workforce. Policies should foster full employment and a quality and able workforce ready for the 21st Century economy and enhance the greater Kansas City region as a hub for attracting world-class talent.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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

- Support measures to ensure that all necessary actions are taken to ensure the state is eligible to receive all allocated federal infrastructure funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill and the American Rescue Plan Act.

COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION The KC Chamber and Civic Council believe that our residents and businesses 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.

MEDICAID EXPANSION

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 the expansion of the state's Medicaid program to close the coverage gap for working Kansans and ensure adequate funding for healthcare providers serving the economically disadvantaged in Kansas.