



2023 STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Chamber's purpose is to create economic prosperity by facilitating community leadership. Our State legislative agenda helps fulfill this purpose by focusing on the following priorities:

An Environment Where Business Can Prosper

1. Support and protect the continued success of the Middle Tennessee business climate by opposing legislation that negatively impacts the economy and jobs
2. Encourage state and local business incentives and tools that make Tennessee competitive with other states while emphasizing transparency, accountability, and a return on investment
3. Support market-driven, evidence-based regulations that preserve businesses' right to make decisions regarding their employees and customers

Development And Productivity of The Region's Workforce

1. Advocate for the removal of minor barriers that have major implications on immediate workforce issues
2. Support additional funding for community colleges and TCATs to increase graduation rates, expand apprenticeships, and expand work-based learning programs to meet the region's specific workforce demands
3. Support efforts to expand access to quality, affordable childcare and early education
4. Encourage justice reform proposals that provide opportunities for individuals leaving incarceration and returning to the workforce to be productive citizens

Quality Of Life That Attracts and Retains Residents and Workers

1. Support regional solutions for mobility that feature dedicated funding and regional coordination for planning, funding, construction, and operation
2. Encourage policy approaches that increase the supply of housing and promote housing affordability
3. Support efforts to provide cities with the authority to regulate entertainment transportation vehicles to ensure safety and responsible planning for events and to mitigate congestion
4. Support efforts to enhance the safety of the state, municipalities, and counties to ensure all residents can live safely and securely
5. Support efforts to expand access and affordability of medical care to more citizens to provide a healthier workforce and alleviate health care costs to businesses