

# GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

## TOP 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



*The Grandview and South Kansas City Chambers collectively represent the voices of over 420 businesses and organizations employing 10,000+ people in the region.*

**TRANSPORTATION** Support a long-term, sustainable transportation funding plan that delivers a sound approach to maintaining existing roads and bridges, improving safety and providing for economic development. We also encourage investment in all modes of transportation including roads and bridges, rail, public transit and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES** Support retaining existing state economic development incentives and programs.

**EDUCATION** Support legislation that will fund, as a part of the Missouri foundation formula for public schools, high quality pre-kindergarten education for all four year olds, regardless of the district's accreditation status. Support Systematic education reforms driven by employers' workforce needs.

## BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

*The Chambers support a system of fair and equitable taxes, tax incentives and tax credits that encourage business growth and the economic growth and development of the South Kansas City and Grandview areas.*

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

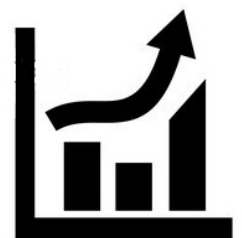
- Support small business initiatives.
- Support retention of existing state economic development incentives and programs.
- Support the creation of new economic development tools.
- Support maintaining and enhancing infrastructure such as transportation, electric, water, wastewater, and broadband, that will keep South Kansas City and Grandview competitive.
- Support \$10 million additional funding for the Missouri Technology Corporation.
- Support the 2017 Kansas City Consensus Agenda for Economic Development.
- Support efforts to fully incorporate and partner with Cerner Corporation.
- Support revisions to the AIM Zones Act.

### WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Increase funding for technical occupation training programs that enhance workforce competitiveness and economic development.
- Support efforts to educate and attract high caliber medical, behavioral health, dental and other healthcare workers.

### GENERAL BUSINESS

- Support tort reform initiatives.
- Support legislation that brings Missouri in compliance with the federal REAL ID act.



## ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RELIABILITY

*The Chambers encourage investments in energy reliability and efficiency and support policies that provide balance between public health and environmental protections without unreasonable economic burdens on industry, business and Missouri residents.*



- Support development and voluntary use of alternative, domestic, and renewable energy resources.
  - Support regulatory modernization that promotes utility rate stabilization.
  - Support legislation that facilitates aging infrastructure replacement.
- Support policies encouraging the increased use of alternative fuel vehicles.

## HEALTH CARE

*The Chambers support healthcare and wellness initiatives and legislation that ensure sufficient funding for providers and greater access to coverage for the uninsured.*

- Support a state-based Medicaid transformation.
- Support statewide legislation to create a prescription drug monitoring system.



## EDUCATION

*The Chambers support all levels of education and special education funding to strengthen the quality of education in the area, thus improving the business viability and workforce development of the region.*

- **Pre-K through 12 Education**
  - Support legislation that would guarantee full funding of the Missouri foundation formula for public schools.
  - Support legislation that recognizes transferring students out of unaccredited school districts is not in the best interest of all students and communities.
  - Support legislation that will fund, as a part of the Missouri foundation formula for public schools, high quality pre-kindergarten education for all four year olds.
  - Support increased funding and the creation of new initiatives to provide training to school districts and administrators that allows schools to utilize the resources available in their community to provide mental healthcare to students.
- **Higher Education**
  - Support providing adequate funding to support all public colleges' and universities' operating budgets and developing a plan to make substantial, ongoing investment in these educational institutions.
  - Support continuation of the Missouri A+ Program and efforts to maintain or increase participation and funding.
  - Support legislative efforts which continue to allow access to a college education at all of the state's post-secondary institutions, including private colleges, through the Access Missouri program.



## TRANSPORTATION

*The Chambers support a long-term, sustainable transportation funding plan that delivers a sound approach to maintaining existing roads and bridges, improving safety and providing for economic development. We also encourage investment in all modes of transportation including roads and bridges, rail, public transit and bicycle/pedestrian facilities.*

- Support, at a minimum, maintaining existing funding levels for existing infrastructure.
- Support a fuel tax increase or other revenue source(s) that increase funding for transportation.
- Support and monitor the development and implementation of a comprehensive multimodal transit strategy for the Kansas City area.
- Support the immediate reimplemention of the Cost-Share/Missouri Moves program.
- Support legislation that any and all capital funds appropriated to Port Authorities.

