



2026 Federal Priorities

WORKFORCE

Workforce issues are a major priority for businesses from all sectors, the Chamber supports policies that address workforce needs while minimizing burdensome requirements that directly and indirectly increase costs to the employer.

- Adoption of the Childcare Investment Act
- Repeal of newly adopted Federal Trade Commission rules impacting independent contractors
- Elimination of restrictions on non-compete agreements
- Enhancement of local control provisions in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act
- Enactment of comprehensive and realistic workforce immigration reform policies that support business workforce



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GOVERNMENTAL / FISCAL MANAGEMENT

The Chamber supports fiscal policy that stimulates economic growth through careful and comprehensive evaluation of spending coupled with sound revenue strategies. We believe "zero-based budgeting," working towards a balanced federal budget, and reducing the national debt are important objectives in a healthy national economy.

The Chamber calls for Congress and the Administration to provide reliability, predictability, and stability with the federal budget and federal programs by decreasing reliance on executive orders, short-term policy directives and other temporary measures that create uncertainty for the business community.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Recognizing that not all materials and products can be produced in the United States, the Chamber supports free and fair international trade policies that encourage economic development in northeast Kansas and the rest of the state; reduce trade barriers; protect U.S. intellectual property; modernize export-control rules; eliminate unfair trade practices; and encourage efficient international trade assistance programs through cooperation and coordination among local, state, and federal agencies.

<u>The Chamber supports</u> sustained and consistent trade policies to avoid disruption of supply chains and business employment and investment.

The Chamber opposes increased isolation from the world marketplace that threatens economic growth and provides competing nations the opportunity to absorb markets and investments that would otherwise benefit the United States economy.

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