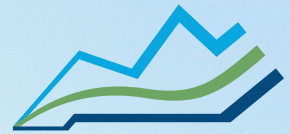


2020



Kentucky Chamber

# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CREATING A COMPETITIVE COMMONWEALTH



## 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors represents a cross-section of key business and industry leaders from across the Commonwealth.

# ECONOMIC PROSPERITY IS OUR PRIORITY

## BOLD STEPS FORWARD

In 2019, the Kentucky Chamber updated its strategic plan, ***Four Pillars for Prosperity***, with a focus on the state's economy and job creation. In recent years we've seen progress on many key business priorities, but there is still more work to be done.

The Kentucky Chamber's 2020 Legislative Priorities outlines the bold steps needed to move Kentucky forward to become more competitive, prosperous, and business-friendly. These priorities were determined by our members through survey, research and discussion, and were ultimately voted on by our six policy councils and Board of Directors. These priorities serve as the plan of work for our Public Affairs team as they advocate on behalf of our membership during the 2020 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.







# 4 Pillars Prosperity



## A HEALTHY, EDUCATED & SKILLED WORKFORCE

We must create a globally competitive talent development system that produces a healthy, educated and skilled workforce, benchmarked against the best education and workforce preparation systems in the world.



## QUALITY, KNOWLEDGE-BASED JOBS

We must enhance Kentucky's competitive business environment and implement economic development initiatives that recognize the potential of Kentucky's distinct regions and industry sectors while encouraging knowledge-based entrepreneurship and innovation.



## 21ST CENTURY INFRASTRUCTURE

We must create and maintain a modern infrastructure to capitalize on the state's strategic advantages, including low-cost energy and central location.



## EFFECTIVE & EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT

We must create and sustain an effective and efficient system of state and local governments that are financially stable, that invest in education to improve prospects for the future and create a competitive environment for economic growth.

# 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

 **Workforce**  **Government**  **Infrastructure**  **Jobs**



## INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE

Increase funding for infrastructure and remove barriers that limit the voluntary consolidation and investment in water systems.



## CONTINUE PENSION REFORM

Fund the actuarially required contribution (ARC) to the pension plans and further reform systems to save money while honoring retirement promises made to public employees for benefits already earned.



## ENACT SPORTS WAGERING

Authorize sports wagering in Kentucky while protecting the existing racing industry and facilities.



## CURB TOBACCO USE

Tax electronic cigarettes the same as cigarettes and raise the age to buy tobacco to 21.



## PREPARE OUR WORKFORCE

Ensure workforce development funds and programs utilize state and federal resources effectively to meet employer and worker needs. Higher education institutions should have the resources and flexibility they need to ensure on-time degree and credential completion.







## CONTINUE PRO-GROWTH TAX REFORM

Reform the tax code to rely more on consumption-based taxes than production-based taxes to improve Kentucky's competitiveness relative to other states.



## REFORM CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Enact reforms, such as removing cash bail, increasing the felony theft threshold, and defelonizing possession to address increasing incarceration rates and costs with an emphasis on addiction treatment and use of probation to get people back to work.



## ENSURE PATIENT PROTECTION

Ensure common advertisements intended to lure people to legal representation against medications and equipment do not inadvertently cause Kentuckians to stop medications or treatment without consulting a doctor.



## ALLOW PRINCIPAL SELECTION

Allow school district superintendents to make final principal hiring decisions.



## IMPROVE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Utilize resources to improve reading and math skills of Kentucky students before 4th grade.



## IMPROVE LEGAL LIABILITY CLIMATE

Enact reasonable limitations on civil liability and a constitutional change that would allow the General Assembly to enact caps on awards for non-economic damages.



## WANT TO READ MORE?

You can read more about these and other priorities in the full 2020 Legislative Agenda at [kychamber.com](http://kychamber.com).



## JOIN A POLICY COUNCIL TODAY!

If you are interested in joining a policy council contact **Sawyer Coffey** at **502-848-8752** or **[scoffey@kychamber.com](mailto:scoffey@kychamber.com)**.



# ENGAGE IN A POLICY COUNCIL

## YOUR INVOLVEMENT MATTERS; JOIN A COUNCIL.

Make your voice heard on Kentucky's key issues and join a policy council today! The Kentucky Chamber has six policy councils composed of business leaders from around the state, each of which is responsible for developing legislative positions and priorities for their respective policy areas.

### EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

**CHAIR:** **Michael Rodenberg,**  
*Murakami Manufacturing, Campbellsville*



Kentucky's economic viability is directly linked to the education and skills of its citizens. With a focus on lifelong learning, the council develops policies to support and improve education at all levels in support of a productive and diverse workforce.

### KENTUCKY COMPETITIVENESS

**CHAIR:** **Jason Keller,**  
*Charter Communications, Louisville*



The council seeks to increase Kentucky's competitiveness, not only with our border states, but around the world. Economic development practices, labor laws, human resource policies, taxation, criminal justice, and the state budget are among the focuses of the council.

### ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

**CHAIR:** **Blaine Early,** *Stites & Harbison, Lexington*



The council seeks to promote Kentucky as an energy leader and supports policies to achieve environmental protection without unnecessarily hindering economic development and business growth.

### SMALL BUSINESS

**CHAIR:** **Kaelyn Query,**  
*Lexington Event Company, Lexington*



Because small businesses are often disproportionately affected by challenges facing the economy, the council ensures that issues of particular importance to small businesses are adequately represented by the Chamber's policies.

### INFRASTRUCTURE

**CO-CHAIRS:** **Hood Harris,** *AT&T, Louisville*  
**Candace McGraw,** *Cincinnati/Northern KY International Airport, Hebron*



The council is responsible for the formation of the Chamber's legislative and federal agenda as it relates to infrastructure and will focus on all types of infrastructure including transportation, utility, and broadband.

### HEALTH CARE

**CHAIR:** **Donovan Blackburn,**  
*Pikeville Medical Center, Pikeville*



Rising health care costs have become a significant fiscal threat to Kentucky's businesses. As such, the council is focused on developing solutions to slow the increasing costs of health care and to improve the overall health and well-being of Kentuckians.

# AGGRESSIVE ADVOCACY

## OUR PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF WORKS FOR YOU.

Our Public Affairs team represents you before the Kentucky General Assembly and in Washington D.C. to curb burdensome regulations, reduce taxes, and create a healthy, business-friendly climate in the Commonwealth.

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# MEMBERSHIP IS CRITICAL

## STRENGTH IN NUMBERS MATTERS WHEN ADVOCATING IN FRANKFORT.

The Kentucky Chamber **represents the interests of businesses throughout Kentucky** — from family-owned shops to Fortune 500 companies — that employ half of the Commonwealth's workforce.

Learn more or become a member with a click of a button on our website, [kychamber.com/join-now](http://kychamber.com/join-now).

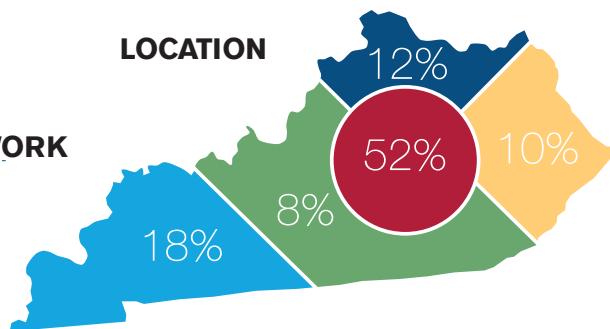
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### LOCATION



### MEMBER INDUSTRIES

Service		35%
Transportation		6%
Construction		6%
Manufacturing		22%
Wholesale/ Retail Trade		10%
Finance		10%
Other		11%

**MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD:  
TALK TO US ABOUT MEMBERSHIP TODAY.**



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# The **Bottom Line**

## YOUR SOURCE FOR NEWS.

The majority of the laws and regulations affecting Kentucky businesses are passed in Frankfort, not Washington.

You can't be at the Capitol on a daily basis, but we can. With the goal of closely monitoring the progress and facts of business-related legislation in Kentucky and delivering behind the scenes knowledge of state government, The Bottom Line breaks down complex policy issues for the business community.

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— MARILYN FORD, WESBANCO BANK





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