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CLERMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA





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The Clermont Chamber of Commerce represents nearly 700 businesses, both small and large, that employ more than 200,000 employees throughout southwest Ohio. The Chamber is an advocate for our members and supports initiatives and legislation that will work to ensure Clermont is the preferred place to locate, start, and grow a successful business.

We will continue to advocate for comprehensive legislation that helps to recover, restore, and expand businesses and our economy, especially small businesses impacted most by the COVID-19 pandemic and slowing economy; and help the immediate need for workforce and job growth in hard-hit industries.

We support legislative efforts that sustains continued economic growth and job creation that includes an extensive review of the impact of business and employer regulations, creating a business-friendly tax environment, reducing the costs of healthcare, comprehensive investments into infrastructure and transportation, and workforce development.



LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Clermont Chamber will focus its advocacy by actively engaging business leaders, stakeholders, and legislators in these primary areas:



BUSINESS-FRIENDLY TAX ENVIRONMENT

Clermont County's success in attracting and retaining businesses relies on Ohio's ability to create a tax-friendly environment where businesses are willing to invest their resources. Our tax code should encourage business growth, limit the size and costs of government, and reflect the principles of equity, neutrality, simplicity, and predictability with sustainable solutions. The Legislature should always be looking for ways to alleviate the tax burden on Ohio's employers. The Chamber also supports local and state incentives that supplement and enhance local economic development strategies to retain existing and recruit new employers which creates new jobs.



BUSINESS REGULATIONS

Clermont Chamber members know their businesses and industries better than anyone else. The Clermont Chamber will support legislation that protects business, economic growth, and job creation by eliminating burdensome regulations and other governmental actions that limit employers' rights and hinder free enterprise.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Clermont Chamber supports programs that encourages people to relocate to, or remain in, Clermont County. This means providing Clermont County schools, both public and technical, the resources they need to educate and prepare Clermont County students with the 21st Century skills they need to succeed. Ohio must continue supporting these technical training initiatives that ensure our workforce is skilled in the trades necessary to support a growing economy and continue that expansion of technical and career training.



TRANSPORTATION + INFRASTRUCTURE

Our region's ability to retain existing businesses and attract new employers depends on strong, interconnected systems, which includes a robust multimodal transportation network that provides for the efficient movement of people and goods.

In addition, addressing infrastructure concerns is necessary to continue everyday business and attract both companies and future employees. The Chamber supports reliable, long-term funding for local infrastructure and transportation projects; significant investments to improve broadband connectivity, especially in Clermont's most rural areas; and creating innovative, cost-effective solutions strengthening all aspects of energy and utilities.



HEALTHCARE COSTS

The health of our community is one of our greatest concerns, especially in light of the global pandemic. Access to health care for everyone through public and private options is critical to a vibrant workforce. The Chamber supports expanded consumer healthcare access with lower business costs, as well as ensuring our local hospitals have the tools and resources they need to provide the best care at the lowest price.

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