

Preserving Texas' Economic Development Success

- Oppose a corporate tax rate increase and rollback of the 2017 tax reform.
- Ensure that regulations on compensation and wages, including paid time off, remain at the state and federal levels.
- Support investments in improving our multi-modal transportation system, water infrastructure, and access to broadband.
- Promote free trade and the general encouragement of international business, while protecting intellectual property. Oppose new tariffs, export control regulations, and efforts that would do harm to current trade partnerships and threaten the competitiveness of international businesses and trade.

Investing in Texas' Future Workforce

- Encourage immigration policies that respond to the Texas economy's diverse workforce needs, including a common-sense solution for recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and support for employment-based visa programs
- Leverage new and existing federal stimulus funding to increase college access and workforce training opportunities aligned with regional employment needs.
- Maintain federal funding streams that support access to quality and affordable childcare options that enable post-secondary attainment and workforce participation for parents of young children.
- Support the expansion of Pell grant eligibility to improve access to relevant credit- and credential-bearing post-secondary programs for students.
- Provide incentives for employers to support and engage in partnerships with workforce development programs that fulfill regional employment needs and lead to living-wage career pathways for students.
- Expand access to high-quality mental health resources and trainings for public PK-12 and postsecondary education institutions.

Supporting COVID-19 Recovery and a Sustainable Healthy Workforce

- Support health care policies that improve healthcare coverage and access that lead to healthy families and a healthy workforce.
- Support program funding for behavioral health services and the expansion of inpatient facilities, as well as providing additional funds for outpatient care programs.
- Support policies that expand telemedicine and virtual health options as a way of delivering more high-quality care and promoting the safety of physicians and patients.
- Provide adequate, predictable, and stable funding for healthcare providers, including trauma care.

Transportation

- Advocate for local transportation priorities and protect Federal funding sources.
- Support long-term and sustainable funding alternatives towards the Highway Trust Fund in efforts that account for economic inflation and enhanced motor vehicle fuel efficiency
- Support policies that promote safe multi-modal transportation options
- Support a consistent regulatory framework for high speed rail.

Competitiveness

- Support policies that encourage domestic semiconductor manufacturing needed to address the current chip shortage, strengthen national security, and supply chain resilience.

Water

- Support increased funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act.

Energy

- Ensure that Texas' diverse, competitive energy market is affordable, reliable, and sustainable.

Privacy & Cybersecurity

- Support an enhanced federal data privacy and data breach notification standard that would preempt the patchwork of state data privacy laws; establishing transparency for consumers and businesses and enhanced control for consumers related to their data.

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