

89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Together with our 700-plus member companies and community partners, the Dallas Regional Chamber advocates for policies and outcomes that preserve Texas' economic competitive advantage and support a prosperous life for Texans in the near and long term.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

The DRC fosters a business-friendly Texas with policies and incentives for investment and jobs. We advocate for a balanced tax system, water planning, diverse and affordable energy, comprehensive transportation investment, and expanded broadband infrastructure to support our state's growth.



EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

The DRC supports strategic investments in child care access, evidence-based PK-12 programs, higher education research and facilities, and training pathways in high-demand fields to bolster the Dallas Region's talent pipeline and address gaps in the regional workforce.



HEALTH CARE

We collaborate with business and community partners to improve health care access and foster innovation in the Dallas Region. Key policies support increased health care access, biotech and life sciences growth, and business flexibility in providing employee health care.



TECH POLICY

With ever-growing emerging technologies and a lack of a federal regulatory landscape, Texas is set to lead the country on tech policy issues. The DRC supports policies encouraging innovation and interoperability while providing the necessary infrastructure to maintain the growth we know will continue to come to the Dallas Region.



QUALITY OF LIFE

A high quality of life for all people is essential to making the Dallas Region the best place in America to live, work, and do business. We advocate for policies and initiatives that help ensure safe communities, offer accessible housing options, and provide a vibrant and welcoming region for residents and companies.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Work to preserve Texas' business-friendly climate by supporting policies and robust incentive programs that promote investment and job creation for Texans.
- Support a tax system that stimulates economic growth, balances the interests of all Texans, and provides transparent rules and processes.
- Support additional investment in long-term planning for water availability to meet the state's future needs.
- Protect Texas' reliable, affordable, competitive, and diverse energy market and pursue opportunities to enhance grid resiliency and reliability.
- Support continued funding for all modes of transportation for our rapidly growing state.
- Support policies that incentivize broadband infrastructure projects to connect Texans.



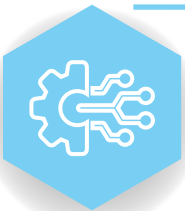
EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

- Help ensure a rigorous PK-12 education system through enhanced per-student funding, investment in evidence-based strategies, and a sustained commitment to academic assessments and accountability.
- Improve access to quality child care through incentives for employer child care benefits and systemic support for Texas' child care infrastructure to reduce barriers to workforce participation.
- Facilitate pathways to living-wage careers through state support for skills-training programs in high-demand and emerging fields—including high-tech jobs—and alignment between education and workforce systems.
- Maintain the competitiveness of Texas' higher education institutions through state investment in capital construction projects, research initiatives, and workforce development programs.



HEALTH CARE

- Support efforts to increase adequate, accessible, and affordable health care coverage to promote the health and well-being of Texas businesses and their employees.
- Support initiatives to mitigate workforce barriers and encourage high retention rates.
- Support improvement of the mental and behavioral health care processes to ensure timely access to services.
- Continue to support adequate, predictable, and stable investments in health care providers, employers, and innovators to nurture the growing population in Texas.
- Preserve employer flexibility for employee benefit health plans in Texas.
- Establish a state incentive program tailored to biotech and life sciences companies.



TECH POLICY

- Promote reasonable regulatory frameworks for emerging technologies that drive innovation, investment, and job growth.
- Pursue a measured approach to regulating AI that promotes interoperability and responsible development and deployment while narrowly targeting high-risk applications.
- Help ensure the growth of the tech industry is supported by the necessary infrastructure.



QUALITY OF LIFE

- Continue to support efforts that promote public safety initiatives that help build greater trust between communities and those serving in law enforcement.
- Continue to support the establishment and expansion of data-driven re-entry programs and funding initiatives for public safety technology investments that foster inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to contribute and thrive.
- Continue to support the protection of businesses' rights to manage their organizations and employees according to their unique needs.
- Ensure Texas remains a welcoming state and the premier state for all people to live, work, and do business.

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