



THE STATE CHAMBER OF OKLAHOMA
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AN AGENDA FOR JOBS

UNLEASHING PRIVATE INVESTMENT

When employers are burdened with unnecessary regulation, it costs us jobs. Fair regulations and effective incentives help attract and retain jobs and wealth to Oklahoma. That starts by:

Protect Effective Tax Credits, Incentives, and Other Economic Development Tools

- Support incentives to attract new and retain existing businesses
- Improve transparency on incentive and tax credit programs
- Reinstate the Aerospace Engineer Tax Credit and other effective tax incentives placed on moratorium
- Support elimination of ineffective tax credits through a process of annual review
- Protect the EDGE (Economic Development Generating Excellence) endowment fund
- Fund and restructure a “closing fund” similar to Texas to help land economic development deals

ENSURING JUSTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL

A fair, predictable and consistent legal and workers’ compensation system provides a stable climate for job creation. That starts by:

Lawsuit Reform

Enact additional reforms, specifically:

- Eliminate joint and several liability
- Hard cap on non-economic damages
- Class action lawsuit reform
- Product liability reform

Workers’ Compensation Reform

Support an overall restructuring of the state’s workers’ compensation system to:

- Produce lower cost to Oklahoma employers.
- Be more responsive to injured workers in a spirit of fairness.
- Streamline the process to eliminate delay and waste

SUSTAINING A VIBRANT, DIVERSE ECONOMY

Companies do not relocate or create new jobs in a vacuum. Quality of life, cost of living, traffic, accessibility to an educated workforce and affordable health care, as well as diversity of industry sectors all factor into building a lasting growth economy. That starts by:

Education Reform

Support removing restrictions on a school district’s ability to terminate bad or low-performing employees by removing the right to a trial de novo, and allow for accountable, at-will employment in Oklahoma schools.

Transportation Funding

Support recent efforts made by the state Legislature to secure transportation funding and seek to preserve and protect the state Transportation Department’s 8-year plan.

Energy Sustainability

Support policies that encourage energy development in a regulatory environment that creates more business certainty, promotes job creation and encourages economic growth for all domestic energy sources.

Access to Affordable, Quality Health Care

Support a hospital provider fee to allow the state to obtain the federal matching dollars necessary to fund the state’s Medicaid program.