



KNOXVILLE CHAMBER

2017 State Legislative Agenda

1. Promote continued implementation of rigorous K-12 standards and aligned assessments to continue development of a high-quality workforce
2. Support strategies to reach the state's goal of 55 percent of Tennesseans with postsecondary credentials that meet the region's workforce needs
3. Support initiatives that will expand access to medical care to Tennesseans to support a healthy workforce and slow rising costs to businesses
4. Identify and implement a solution for long-term transportation funding to cover maintenance of infrastructure, as well as current, backlogged and new projects identified by the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization
5. Safeguard local governments' ability to promote economic development, as well as affordable and workforce housing, through public/private partnerships (TIF, PILOT and Housing Tax Credits)
6. Support efforts to require out-of-state companies with significant online sales within the state to collect and remit sales taxes in order to level the playing field for Tennessee businesses that sustain our state's economy and add enormous value to our communities