



## CHAMBER FEDERATION 2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

### **1. Adopt a framework for collection of sales tax from out-of-state sellers.**

Missouri should adopt a law to require the collection of sales tax for online and other transactions involving out-of-state sellers without a physical presence. Missouri is one of the few states to not pass legislation in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's Wayfair ruling.

### **2. Support efforts to expand, fund and incentivize alternative career training pathways, including apprenticeships, internships, externships and other on-the-job training programs.**

A well-prepared workforce is imperative to Missouri's economic success. This requires raising early awareness of and opportunities for alternative career training pathways, including workplace-based training programs that can closely align training with the specific needs of an occupation or industry.

### **3. Support sustainable funding for a comprehensive transportation system.**

Adequate funds must be available for the maintenance and improvement of the state's transportation system. Investment in transportation improvements is a major economic engine that drives job creation, personal income and adds value to Missouri's economy.

### **4. Preserve communities of interest when drawing state legislative districts.**

Communities of interest are groups of individuals who are likely to have similar legislative concerns and would benefit from common representation. We support keeping communities of interest whole in redistricting processes.

### **5. Create a statewide prescription drug monitoring program.**

A prescription drug monitoring program would reduce drug abuse and diversion and help drive down costs associated with prescription drug abuse for employers. Missouri remains the only state in the nation that has not passed this type of legislation.

### **6. Increase funding for broadband.**

More than 1.2 million Missourians do not have access to high-speed internet. Increased funding is needed to expand broadband access across the state. Broadband access is critical to ensure Missouri remains competitive in a 21<sup>st</sup> century economy.

**7. Increase tourism funding.**

State investment in tourism supports economic growth, job creation and tax revenue. We support increasing funding of tourism promotion and other tourism-related programs as it would positively impact many communities across the state.

**8. Invest in entrepreneurship.**

Enhancing the ability of entrepreneurs and small businesses to create their businesses and products while providing incentives to investors is a pathway to securing Missouri's future as a hub for innovation and technology. Restoring funding for the Missouri Technology Corp. (MTC) is one potential policy option that could support this effort.

**9. Increase funding for higher education.**

Well-educated, competent and capable students are the key to Missouri's long-term economic health and competitiveness. Therefore, we oppose cuts to higher education and support increasing funding levels to postsecondary institutions, including community colleges and universities.

**10. Maintain investment in workforce development programs.**

Fully funding the programs that help individuals get the skills they need for careers in high demand fields, while adding to the pool of talent businesses can rely on to fill open jobs, is vital to strengthening our workforce. A stable funding framework should be applied to programs that do exactly that, like Fast Track and Missouri One Start customized training.

*\*External branding campaigns on public safety and Missouri's position as a future technology hub were also prioritized but do not require legislation.*