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HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTHCARE

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports federal healthcare policies that improve access to care, strengthen workforce participation, support provider sustainability, reduce unnecessary administrative burdens, encourage innovation, and protect employer-sponsored healthcare options. Healthcare remains a major driver of economic competitiveness, workforce stability, and quality of life across East Texas.

Access, Cost & Outcomes

Support policies that increase healthcare price transparency in order to improve market competition and enable employers, employees, and patients to make informed healthcare decisions.

Support reducing administrative burdens in healthcare delivery, including reforms to prior authorization processes, to improve access, reduce unnecessary delays, and increase system efficiency.

Support policies that ensure transparency, accountability, and fair reimbursement practices in pharmacy benefit management in order to protect patient access and support the long-term sustainability of community pharmacies.

Support reforms that address outdated or duplicative healthcare regulations that increase administrative burden, raise costs, or limit providers' ability to deliver timely and high-quality care.

Support employer wellness initiatives that encourage personal responsibility, preventive care, and stronger community health outcomes.

Support advancing healthcare toward value-based and quality-focused delivery systems that improve outcomes while reducing long-term costs.

Support incentives that increase access to telemedicine, health informatics, community paramedicine, and other innovative care delivery models that improve outcomes.

Oppose federal measures that disproportionately increase healthcare costs for employers, employees, and their families.

Oppose the adoption of a single-payer government-run healthcare system.

Support initiatives that reduce the number of uninsured and underinsured individuals across the region.

Support development of community-based alternatives to hospitalization for individuals experiencing mental illness, including crisis residential care, respite care, and supportive living environments.

Support reforms that continue moving healthcare delivery away from fee-for-service reimbursement models toward value-based care systems.

Support reducing patient out-of-pocket healthcare costs by strengthening and modernizing Health Savings Accounts.

Employer-Sponsored Coverage & Flexibility

Support protection of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act in order to preserve employer flexibility in offering healthcare coverage and maintain regulatory consistency across state lines.

Support policies that protect employer-sponsored health coverage by maintaining the tax-exempt status of employee health benefits.

Support policies that allow employers to utilize innovative healthcare coverage models, including association health plans, wellness programs, direct primary care arrangements, and other market-driven solutions.

Liability, Research & Market Structure

Support tort reform measures protecting healthcare providers from frivolous lawsuits and oppose measures that weaken those protections.

Support access to and funding for medical research, including support for physicians, hospitals, researchers, and scientists working on breakthrough treatments and severe medical conditions.

Oppose price controls and other market-restrictive healthcare policies that reduce innovation or limit access.

Mental Health, Treatment & Diversion

Support better integration of mental and physical healthcare systems.

Support employer-sponsored insurance as a critical resource for families who rely on coverage to maintain physical and mental well-being.

Support expanded access to telehealth services that improve access to mental healthcare while reducing barriers associated with in-person treatment.

Support strengthening the healthcare provider workforce, including strategies to address burnout, workforce shortages, and retention.

Support federal policies that increase access to mental health and substance use treatment during incarceration, ensure continuity of care upon release, and strengthen workforce reintegration opportunities.

Support diversion programs for non-violent offenders, including alternatives to incarceration that prioritize treatment, workforce readiness, public safety, and reduced recidivism.

Support policies that allow courts to divert first-time, non-violent minor drug possession offenders into treatment programs when the offender is not deemed a threat to public safety.

TECHNOLOGY, CYBERSECURITY, BROADBAND & ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports federal policies that strengthen business competitiveness, protect digital infrastructure, improve cybersecurity readiness, expand broadband deployment, and create a practical and responsible framework for emerging technologies including artificial intelligence.

Cybersecurity & Digital Protection

Support programs that increase awareness of cybersecurity threats, cybercrime, ransomware, and emerging digital vulnerabilities affecting businesses of all sizes.

Support efforts that increase the supply of a skilled cybersecurity workforce, including programs that transition military veterans into cybersecurity careers.

Support legislation that prevents technological misrepresentation, spoofing, impersonation, caller ID fraud, and other forms of digital deception that target businesses or consumers.

Support enforcement of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act and related federal efforts designed to protect businesses and consumers from spoofing, robocalls, fraudulent text messaging, and digital impersonation.

Digital Infrastructure & Competitiveness

Support investment in efficient and effective digital infrastructure assets, including Information and Communications Technology systems, in order to build capacity, support population growth, and strengthen economic competitiveness.

Data Privacy & Consumer Protection

Encourage businesses across all sectors to develop and disclose transparent consumer privacy policies and comply with applicable federal and international privacy standards where appropriate.

Support balanced federal privacy standards that protect consumers while providing regulatory clarity and consistency for businesses.

Support policies that require organizations to provide clear points of contact and user-accessible deletion or opt-out mechanisms related to data targeting or consumer profiling.

Support non-discrimination protections ensuring consumers are not penalized or denied service for exercising privacy rights.

Broadband, Connectivity & Deployment

Support improving connectivity for both wireless and wired broadband infrastructure.

Support accelerated permitting for broadband infrastructure projects located on federal lands.

Support efficient and expedited deployment of broadband infrastructure required under the National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

Support reforms that modernize permitting systems and reduce unnecessary delays for federally approved broadband infrastructure projects.

Support clarification that National Historic Preservation review is not required where temporary uses or facility upgrades do not materially alter existing infrastructure.

Support closing loopholes in federal pole attachment law that exclude poles owned by municipalities and electric cooperatives.

Access & Affordability

Support policies that protect affordable, reliable internet access and strengthen long-term digital connectivity for households, students, workers, and businesses.

Regulatory Oversight

Oppose FCC rules that unnecessarily hinder efforts to bridge the digital divide.

Oppose federal regulatory expansion beyond the lawful authority granted to communications agencies.

Artificial Intelligence, Innovation & Responsible Use

Support review of existing laws before enacting new artificial intelligence regulations.

Support recognition that artificial intelligence applications are context-specific and that regulatory frameworks should reflect differences in industry, risk, and use case.

Support right-sized compliance requirements that protect innovation while maintaining accountability.

Support policies that preserve U.S. global leadership in artificial intelligence research, commercialization, and workforce development.

Support investment in artificial intelligence research and development, digital workforce pathways, and responsible business adoption.

Support programs, partnerships, and incentives that help small and mid-sized businesses adopt emerging technologies, improve operational efficiency, strengthen competitiveness, and responsibly integrate digital tools into daily business operations.

TAXES & SPENDING

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports fair, competitive, and pro-growth federal tax policy that encourages investment, strengthens innovation, protects global competitiveness, and enables American businesses to create jobs and strengthen local economies.

Pro-Growth Tax Policy & Certainty

Support reauthorization and long-term certainty of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act in order to strengthen investment, business growth, and economic competitiveness.

Protect a competitive business tax base.

Support preserving competitive business tax rates with pro-growth tax policy.

Support a stable and predictable tax environment that allows businesses to plan, invest, and grow with confidence.

Oppose tax and spending policies that increase the overall cost of doing business without corresponding economic benefit.

Oppose federal environmental, social, or governance disclosure mandates that impose material compliance burdens on businesses without clear economic benefit.

Investment, Innovation & Business Growth

Protect immediate research and development expensing in order to preserve America's leadership in innovation and advanced manufacturing.

Protect full expensing for capital investments in order to encourage business growth, modernization, and productivity improvements.

Protect the ability for manufacturers to immediately expense one hundred percent of the cost of qualifying capital equipment purchases.

Global Competitiveness & Pass-Through Businesses

Protect the competitiveness of the U.S. international tax system for American companies operating abroad and foreign companies investing in the United States.

Protect globally engaged businesses from punitive or duplicative international tax policies.

Protect and support maintaining and strengthening Section 199A deductions to preserve the full 20% deduction for qualified business income for pass-through and individual entities.

Oppose damaging tax increases on manufacturing families and pass-through manufacturers that pay taxes at individual rates.

TORT REFORM

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports a fair, balanced, and efficient civil justice system that discourages abusive and meritless litigation, promotes timely resolution of disputes, and preserves a legal climate that encourages business investment, healthcare access, job creation, and economic growth in East Texas.

Support preserving and strengthening legislative reforms that promote predictability, fairness, and transparency in civil litigation.

Support protecting prior reforms that have helped control medical malpractice and commercial liability costs while preserving access to healthcare providers and essential services.

Support the use of alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration, where appropriate, in order to reduce cost, delay, and unnecessary litigation.

Oppose lawsuit abuse, excessive venue manipulation, and procedural practices that increase litigation expense without improving outcomes.

Support reasonable limits on non-economic and punitive damages where consistent with due process and sound public policy.

Support transparency in third-party litigation financing arrangements and disclosure of outside financial interests that may influence litigation strategy or settlement.

Support legal standards that provide businesses, employers, property owners, healthcare providers, manufacturers, and community institutions with clear and predictable rules for liability.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports federal policies that strengthen East Texas competitiveness, improve market access, support business expansion, encourage investment, strengthen supply chain resilience, and reduce unnecessary barriers to growth and innovation.

Manufacturing, Trade & Global Competitiveness

Support removing unfair regulatory, trade, and market barriers that limit manufacturers' ability to expand domestically and globally.

Support existing U.S. trade agreements and trade rules, including full implementation of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Support continued improvement of U.S. export promotion and export financing tools to help small and mid-sized businesses reach global markets.

Support export controls and investment restrictions that are narrowly tailored to legitimate national security concerns and coordinated with allies.

Support modernization of U.S. and foreign customs operations to better facilitate legitimate trade while improving enforcement tools targeting illicit trade.

Support relief for small and mid-sized businesses disproportionately impacted by high or unpredictable tariff costs.

Main Street Access, Capital & Fair Competition

Support policies that expand access to transparent and responsible capital for small businesses.

Support strengthening and streamlining federal technical assistance, business development, and procurement programs that better serve small, rural, and emerging businesses.

Support enforcement of existing antitrust and fair competition laws to ensure small businesses can compete in increasingly consolidated markets.

Oppose price discrimination and market practices that unfairly disadvantage Main Street businesses.

Support regulatory frameworks that prioritize economic participation, innovation, and growth rather than one-size-fits-all mandates.

Supply Chain Resilience & National Security

Support efforts to strengthen domestic supply chains and diversify critical mineral and manufacturing inputs away from geopolitical adversaries including China and Russia.

Support policies that enhance resilience while maintaining market-driven solutions and global competitiveness.

INFRASTRUCTURE, TRANSPORTATION, WATER & AVIATION

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports strategic federal infrastructure investment that strengthens East Texas competitiveness, improves supply chain efficiency, protects long-term water security, and supports regional mobility.

Transportation

Support development and funding of international trade corridors that accommodate cross-border commerce between Texas, Mexico, and North American markets.

Support sustained federal investment in roads, bridges, freight corridors, logistics infrastructure, and transportation systems critical to economic competitiveness.

Support federal funding for Intelligent Transportation Systems and infrastructure modernization that strengthen freight mobility and regional logistics competitiveness.

Support continued development and federal funding for the I-69 and I-369 corridor systems through East Texas.

Support development of intermodal logistics facilities that strengthen freight transfer capabilities between rail and commercial trucking.

Support innovative multimodal and micro-transit systems that improve workforce mobility across suburban and rural areas.

WATER SECURITY & REGIONAL RESOURCES

The Longview Chamber of Commerce recognizes water security as a critical economic competitiveness, infrastructure, environmental, and regional sustainability issue for East Texas. Reliable long-term access to water is essential to industrial growth, energy production, manufacturing, population growth, agriculture, and overall economic resilience.

The Chamber supports federal policies that protect East Texas water resources, improve infrastructure reliability, strengthen regional planning coordination, modernize permitting processes, and ensure sustainable long-term water availability for future generations.

Federal Infrastructure & Permitting

Support federal investment in water infrastructure, reservoir maintenance, flood mitigation, water treatment systems, and long-term regional water resilience projects.

Support modernization and coordination of federal water permitting processes in order to reduce unnecessary delays while maintaining environmental protections.

Support efficient coordination between federal agencies, regional water providers, river authorities, and local governments on water infrastructure planning and permitting.

Regional Water Protection

Support federal policies and infrastructure investments that protect the long-term reliability, resilience, and availability of critical East Texas water resources.

Support increased federal recognition of the economic and environmental importance of the Sabine River Basin, Lake O' the Pines, Caddo Lake, and related East Texas water systems.

Support sustainable management and long-term protection of the Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer and other critical groundwater resources serving East Texas communities and industries.

Industrial Demand & Future Readiness

Support proactive regional planning related to large-scale industrial water demand, including data centers, advanced manufacturing, energy production, and industrial expansion.

Support federal research, innovation, and infrastructure programs advancing water reuse, conservation technology, desalination, and long-term water sustainability strategies.

Interregional Transfers

Support comprehensive economic and environmental review of major interregional water transfer proposals affecting East Texas water resources.

Environmental Stewardship

Support balanced environmental policies that protect water quality while allowing responsible economic development and infrastructure investment.

Aviation & Air Mobility

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports continued federal investment in aviation infrastructure, air mobility innovation, cargo capacity, and regional airport competitiveness in order to strengthen economic development, business recruitment, logistics capability, workforce connectivity, and long-term regional growth.

Support continued federal funding to ensure ongoing modernization and competitiveness of the East Texas Regional Airport.

Support passage of FAA reauthorization and continued Airport Improvement Program funding.

Support development of Advanced Air Mobility infrastructure and emerging aviation technologies while ensuring regulatory frameworks protect critical infrastructure, industrial operations, public safety, private property rights, and cybersecurity from unauthorized aerial access, surveillance, or interference.

Support initiatives to expand air cargo and freight capabilities at the East Texas Regional Airport.

RAIL & FREIGHT MOBILITY

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports strategic investment in freight rail, intermodal logistics infrastructure, short-line rail competitiveness, and multimodal transportation systems that strengthen supply chain efficiency, industrial site readiness, freight mobility, and regional economic competitiveness across East Texas.

Support policies that incentivize freight rail rehabilitation, modernization, industrial access expansion, and improved safety.

Support higher-speed rail infrastructure and long-term regional mobility investments along major East Texas freight and passenger corridors including Interstate 20.

Support continued federal investment in passenger rail systems, including Amtrak and regional passenger rail connectivity initiatives, that improve mobility, economic development, tourism, and regional accessibility.

EDUCATION & WORKFORCE

The Longview Chamber of Commerce recognizes that investing in education and workforce development is essential to economic growth, workforce readiness, and long-term competitiveness.

K-12, CTE & Dual Credit Pathways

Support increased funding for equipment, faculty, tuition, and books for dual credit students.

Support increased flexibility in credentialing for public school career and technical education instructors.

Support expanded funding for off-campus learning opportunities and start-up technical programs.

Support funding for staff who address the growing needs of students living in poverty.

Student Support & Outcomes

Support recognition and funding of advising, counseling, and support services that help students navigate multiple education and career pathways.

Support accountability systems that use multiple measures to evaluate student growth, proficiency, and workforce outcomes.

Postsecondary Alignment & Innovation

Support development of regional university-healthcare-business collaborative hubs that strengthen workforce alignment and industry-driven innovation.

Support policies that increase educational innovation, flexibility, and access across education providers.

Workforce Training & Reskilling

E Support passage of the Skills for the 21st Century Act as part of WIOA reauthorization.

E Support increased and appropriate funding for workforce development, career and technical education, and adult education grants.

E Support WIOA language that empowers businesses to upskill and reskill existing workers through dedicated incumbent worker training programs.

E Support federal investment in digital, technical, and emerging skills training aligned with employer demand.

Work-Based Learning & Industry Partnerships

Support expansion of employer-led work-based learning opportunities including apprenticeships and on-the-job training.

Support expansion of Manufacturing Extension Partnership models to additional industries.

Childcare as Workforce Infrastructure

Support policy reforms and investments that increase access to affordable, high-quality childcare as essential workforce infrastructure enabling participation in education, training, and employment.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, WORKFORCE REENTRY & PUBLIC SAFETY

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports a modern and effective criminal justice system that enhances public safety, strengthens workforce participation, reduces recidivism, and removes unnecessary barriers to employment.

Education, Training & Workforce Reentry

Support education, workforce training, credentialing, and vocational programs within correctional systems that align with current and future labor market needs.

Support expansion of employer-connected reentry programs that prepare individuals for in-demand careers and reduce recidivism through employment.

Support second-chance hiring initiatives that remove unnecessary barriers to employment, including streamlined processes for record sealing, occupational licensing, and access to identification upon release.

Support policies that strengthen coordination between corrections systems, workforce boards, and employers to better align reentry pathways with regional workforce needs.

Mental Health, Treatment & Diversion

Support policies that increase access to mental health and substance use treatment during incarceration and ensure continuity of care upon reentry.

Support diversion programs for non-violent offenders, including alternatives to incarceration that prioritize treatment, workforce readiness, and public safety.

Support continued development and funding of specialty courts including mental health, drug, and family courts.

Public Safety & Workforce Participation

Support efforts that improve workforce participation opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals while maintaining public safety.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports a comprehensive, reliable, market-driven, and environmentally responsible energy policy that protects national security, strengthens economic competitiveness, supports industrial growth, and ensures long-term affordability and reliability for businesses and consumers.

Energy, Reliability & Infrastructure

Support development of local energy resources including natural gas, oil, lignite, and a balanced mix of generation sources.

Support investment in electric grid reliability, resilience, and dispatchable generation capacity.

Support expansion and modernization of electric transmission and distribution infrastructure.

Support development, maintenance, and protection of critical energy infrastructure.

Oppose increased taxes and fees on energy sources that raise costs for employers and consumers.

Support eliminating tax inequities and market distortions in energy production.

Support balancing environmental concerns with economic and operational impacts to local energy production and use.

Support cost-effective development and deployment of technologies that improve energy efficiency and meet growing electricity demand.

Oppose policies that increase electricity costs without corresponding benefits to grid reliability, safety, or consumers.

Regulatory Clarity & Accountability

Support regulatory certainty and consistency that allow long-term capital investment in energy and industrial infrastructure.

Support legislation requiring research data and analysis relied upon for proposed federal environmental regulations be publicly available and subject to review.

Oppose regulations for which supporting data are not transparent or accessible.

Oppose legislation that places additional requirements on business and industry without a firm technical basis or appreciable environmental benefit.

Support limiting unnecessary intrusion by federal agencies into delegated state environmental programs.

Permitting Reform & Project Certainty

Support modernization of permitting processes for energy and infrastructure projects to reduce delays, improve coordination, discourage unnecessary litigation, and maintain environmental safeguards.

Support permitting reforms that:

- encourage concurrent permit review where feasible
- improve agency coordination and accountability
- provide clear guidance and timelines
- improve electronic permitting systems
- ensure permitting decisions consider economic impact and public need

Energy Supply & Market Competitiveness

Oppose legislative efforts requiring specific energy generation technologies for industrial sources.

Support removal of economic and supply barriers that distort fuel competition and interfere with free-market dynamics.

Support legislative and regulatory efforts to increase low-cost and reliable energy supply through a diverse mixture of fuels including oil, natural gas, coal, nuclear, wind, solar, and hydro.

Support policies encouraging capital investment in energy production, processing, and industrial development.

Support innovation in emissions reduction technologies, carbon management, and operational efficiency improvements.

Support federal policies that accelerate responsible deployment of carbon capture, utilization, and storage technologies.

Federal Policy & Global Competitiveness

Support policies that enhance U.S. energy leadership and competitiveness in global markets.

Support trade and export policies that facilitate export of U.S. energy resources.

Oppose federal climate or energy policies that adversely affect the international competitiveness of Texas or the broader U.S. economy.

Oppose policies restricting access to domestic energy resources or infrastructure development without clear economic, environmental, or national security justification.

Supply Chain & Resource Security

Support strengthening domestic mineral development and energy supply chains by reducing dependence on foreign adversaries including China and Russia.

Workforce Development

Support workforce development initiatives that build skilled labor pipelines for energy, industrial, and infrastructure sectors.

Support partnerships between industry, community colleges, and technical institutions to align workforce capabilities with regional economic needs.

Support federal policies recognizing advanced recycling technologies as manufacturing processes and encouraging private investment in circular economy infrastructure.

Environmental Stewardship

Support balanced environmental policies that protect natural resources while enabling responsible energy development.

Support cost-effective technologies and practices that improve environmental performance without undermining economic growth or energy reliability.

EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports policies that strengthen Texas' competitive economy by preserving employer flexibility, promoting job creation, expanding workforce participation, and limiting unnecessary regulatory burdens.

Employment Structure & Employer Rights

Oppose legislation that would erode employment-at-will as a right for employers and employees.

Oppose federal efforts dictating how private employers recruit, interview, select, manage, or separate employees.

Support employer rights to conduct random and/or universal drug testing as a condition of employment.

Support allowing employers to seek injunctions to stop workplace harassment without creating expanded employer liability.

Support enforceability of reasonable confidentiality agreements, non-compete agreements, and non-solicitation provisions.

Oppose mandates requiring public disclosure of compensation ranges or internal pay data that increase administrative burden or litigation risk.

Support the use of automated tools and artificial intelligence in hiring, evaluation, and workforce management provided such tools comply with existing anti-discrimination laws.

Support clear, consistent, and federally aligned employment verification requirements.

Support employer discretion in establishing job-related qualification standards including use of background checks, prior employment verification, and job-related credit history.

Support employer discretion to implement arbitration agreements in employment disputes.

Support employer privacy protections regarding employee personnel files.

Leave, Benefits & Workplace Rules

Oppose expansion of Family and Medical Leave Act mandates that create new employer burdens.

Support employer flexibility in designating leave as FMLA-qualifying consistent with federal law.

Support policies requiring employees to provide timely, complete, and specific notice of the need for leave before employer obligations are triggered.

Wage, Classification & Workforce Flexibility

Oppose piecemeal wage and benefit mandates that exceed federal standards.

Oppose arbitrary increases in minimum wage that are not tied to economic conditions, productivity, or regional labor realities.

Support maintaining current pay equity laws and consistent enforcement standards.

Support modernization of wage and hour laws that provide greater flexibility in scheduling and employee classification.

Support reforms that align wage payment laws with federal standards and reduce unnecessary litigation exposure.

Support statewide and federal preemption of local employment regulations.

Unemployment Insurance & Workforce Participation

Support transferring greater control and administration of federally mandated unemployment insurance programs to the states.

Support legislation allowing employers to apply unemployment insurance tax contributions toward workforce training and reskilling.

Support modernization of unemployment insurance systems including exploration of individual unemployment savings accounts.

Labor Relations & Union Policy

Oppose expansion of collective bargaining rights in the public sector where current systems already provide adequate employee participation.

Oppose efforts requiring employers to subsidize or promote labor unions through payroll systems or mandatory administrative processes.

Support employers complying with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission requirements.

Workplace Safety & Federal Overreach

Oppose legislation and regulations that increase unnecessary OSHA compliance burdens.

Support the proposed five-year break-in-service rule.

Oppose attempts to restrict employer rights to conduct workplace drug testing.

Support legislation disqualifying unemployment eligibility for claimants who fail employer-required drug testing or refuse valid offers of employment without good cause.

Support employer access to job-related medical and fitness-for-duty information necessary to maintain workplace safety.

Support employer authority to establish and enforce workplace safety and property policies including restrictions related to firearms on company-controlled property.

Support eradication of human trafficking by strengthening enforcement and identification strategies.

Oppose the Warehouse Worker Protection Act and similar legislation imposing unnecessary ergonomic mandates or undermining employer rights.

Oppose Department of Labor salary threshold increases that create operational disruption without regard to regional economic realities.

Oppose OSHA policies allowing employees to designate non-employees as representatives during workplace inspections.

Oppose excessive or inconsistent OSHA enforcement practices that increase liability without improving workplace safety outcomes.

Support practical and flexible workplace safety standards related to heat exposure that account for regional conditions and avoid one-size-fits-all federal mandates.

Oppose regulations that unnecessarily restrict use of workplace technology or productivity tools without clear safety or employee benefit.

BANKING, CAPITAL ACCESS & FINANCIAL SERVICES

Support federal policies that preserve access to capital for businesses of all sizes by protecting the strength and competitiveness of community banks, regional financial institutions, and responsible private lending markets.

Support regulatory clarity that allows financial institutions to serve local businesses, manufacturers, agricultural producers, entrepreneurs, and growing employers without unnecessary compliance burdens.

Oppose federal financial regulations that disproportionately impact community and regional banks, reduce competition, or limit business access to credit, working capital, and economic development financing.

GENERAL BUSINESS & REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports federal policies that promote free enterprise, economic growth, entrepreneurship, innovation, investment, workforce participation, and long-term regional competitiveness while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens and protecting the ability of businesses to operate, expand, and compete.

Support policies that encourage private sector investment, entrepreneurship, innovation, and job creation.

Support regulatory consistency, transparency, and predictability that allow businesses to plan and invest with confidence.

Oppose unnecessary federal mandates and regulations that increase business costs without corresponding economic or public benefit.

Support modern, efficient, and accountable government processes that improve responsiveness and reduce unnecessary administrative burdens.

Support policies that strengthen small business competitiveness and reduce barriers to business formation and expansion.

Support federal policies that protect free enterprise, market competition, and economic opportunity.

Support continued development and modernization of secure electronic business-to-business transactions and digital commerce infrastructure.

Support business efforts to develop and disclose comprehensive, market-driven consumer privacy policies that provide transparency while preserving innovation and operational flexibility.

Support enhancements to state and federal regulatory flexibility models that improve the operating environment for small businesses and reduce unnecessary compliance burdens.

Support balanced regulations that protect public interests while preserving economic growth and operational flexibility.

Support federal policies that improve long-term U.S. competitiveness in workforce, infrastructure, innovation, manufacturing, and emerging technologies.

Support efforts to streamline permitting and regulatory coordination across federal agencies.

Support regulatory modernization strategies that better align federal oversight with rapidly evolving technologies, workforce models, and economic conditions.

Support federal regulatory reforms affecting food, agriculture, consumer products, manufacturing, and public health that are grounded in transparent scientific review, meaningful stakeholder engagement, reasonable implementation timelines, and consideration of economic, supply chain, trade, and workforce impacts.

IMMIGRATION & BORDER SECURITY

The Longview Chamber of Commerce supports federal immigration policies that address the workforce needs of a growing economy while balancing national security, border security, public safety, and human dignity. East Texas employers across multiple industries face persistent workforce shortages that directly impact economic growth, investment, innovation, healthcare delivery, manufacturing capacity, and long-term competitiveness.

The Chamber supports a modernized legal immigration system that strengthens the nation's workforce, supports economic expansion, improves regulatory efficiency, and enhances America's global competitiveness across established industries and emerging technologies.

Immigration

Support improving the speed, reliability, and accuracy of employment verification systems so employers are not unfairly burdened.

Support modernization and expansion of employment-based visa programs, including H-1B, L-1, EB, J-1, and other workforce-related visa categories that have remained largely unchanged despite evolving economic demand.

Support strengthening the F-1 Optional Practical Training and STEM OPT Extension programs and streamlining pathways for international graduates educated in the United States to contribute to the American workforce and economy.

Support carefully monitored temporary worker or essential worker programs tied to verified workforce shortages in high-demand industries including healthcare, agriculture, manufacturing, logistics, and technology.

Support faster approval and renewal processes for employment-related visas.

Support efforts to reduce significant backlogs in employment-based immigration processing systems.

Support permanent and compassionate solutions for Dreamers and individuals with Temporary Protected Status who contribute to local communities, educational systems, and the workforce.

Support policies that encourage international entrepreneurs, innovators, researchers, and graduates of U.S. colleges and universities to launch and grow businesses in the United States, particularly in high-demand and innovation-driven sectors.

Border Security

The Longview Chamber of Commerce affirms that secure borders and an effective legal immigration system are complementary and essential to long-term economic stability, national security, and public confidence.

Support bipartisan efforts to strengthen border security while modernizing legal immigration and asylum processes.

Support efforts to reduce economic disruption, criminal activity, and illegal drug trafficking associated with failures at the southern border.

Support stronger coordination and cooperation between the federal government and border states to improve border security operations and enforcement effectiveness.

Support a phased and balanced approach to immigration reform that addresses border security, interior enforcement, legal immigration modernization, and workforce needs simultaneously.