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METRO
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CHAMBER



PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

THE METRO ATLANTA CHAMBER PUBLIC POLICY TEAM ADVOCATES FOR POLICIES THAT ADVANCE OUR ECONOMY, GROW OUR TALENT, AND ENHANCE OUR COMMUNITY.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Ensure a competitive and consistent tax environment that encourages business and job creation, recruitment, retention and expansion.
- Bolster economic development tools and promote inclusive growth to start, recruit and retain businesses, events, entertainment, and creative arts.
- Foster innovation and drive entrepreneurship by expanding venture capital funding, and entrepreneurial assistance resources, particularly in underrepresented communities.
- Support a fair and stable legal climate for business.
- Protect Georgia's top-rated business climate against legislation that interferes with business operations or is discriminatory in nature and harmful to our ability to create, recruit and retain jobs and talent.
- Ensure the ability of private property owners to determine whether to permit weapons on their respective properties, in accordance with current Georgia law.

TALENT DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

- Develop a globally competitive talent pool by aligning workforce and education systems, agencies, and industry partners to deliver talent for high-demand careers.
- Cultivate strong public-private partnerships from early to post-secondary education to ensure a solid foundation of career awareness and family supports.
- Strengthen and coordinate funding and resources throughout the cradle-to-career pipeline with a specific focus on childcare, career and technical education, needs-based aid, and completion of high-demand degrees and certifications including experiential learning.
- Promote economic mobility and remove barriers to employment and educational attainment for all learners, particularly those in communities with the least resources.

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Expand long-term dedicated state funding for transit improvement and expansion.
- Strengthen supply chains through comprehensive freight logistics.
- Ensure air quality by advocating for a clean, safe, reliable, affordable, and diverse energy portfolio for Georgia.
- Increase access to reliable communications networks for businesses, families, and students.
- Establish Georgia as a leader in innovation, research, and applied technology in transportation, including electric vehicles.
- Ensure Georgia maintains leadership in cybersecurity and digital technologies.
- Advance Georgia's long-term water strategy and the responsible management of all waste streams.

THRIVING COMMUNITY

- Enhance Atlanta's sports community through efforts including legalizing online sports betting and securing long-term funding for major sporting events.
- Support strategic reforms to the criminal justice system to minimize recidivism and fiscal demands while maximizing rehabilitation, re-entry, and public safety.
- Combat human trafficking by raising awareness and supporting survivors.
- Encourage new revenue streams to improve public health, including mental health.
- Support initiatives improving access and quality of healthcare for low-income and uninsured Georgians.
- Increase supply of housing to meet workforce needs.
- Promote policies that align with ATL Action for Racial Equity.

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