

2010 Legislative Agenda

Providing Leadership in Support of Pro-Business Legislation

The Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present its Legislative Agenda for the 2010 General Assembly. These issues are critical to the future viability of the Upstate's economic climate.

In developing our legislative program, our Public Policy Committee thoughtfully considered a number of concerns brought forward by community stakeholders and Chamber members. Our advocacy during the session will be based upon important aspects of the following issues: affordable healthcare for small business, an increase in the cigarette tax, tax reform, economic development, education, energy, labor, infrastructure and transportation needs, water resources, and workers' compensation and tort reform.

On behalf of our members, who provide more than 30,000 jobs in our area, we look forward to working with the members of the Assembly to achieve these goals for the benefit of our community and our region.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support for more tax incentives to attract business
- Support for incentives to expand business
- Support for business retention
- Support for more Upstate tourism
- Support incentives for high impact entrepreneurs

EDUCATION

- Support to increase high school graduation rates
- Support to increase the number of individuals entering and -- completing post-secondary training or education
- Support early childhood education to more South Carolinians

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

- Support for more stable lake levels
- Support nuclear facilities in Cherokee and Oconee Counties
- Support for offshore drilling of natural gas

HEALTHCARE

- Support initiatives that will help small businesses pay for healthcare
- Support a cigarette tax increase

ROADS/INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support to increase road/infrastructure funding

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- Support to increase number of skilled workforce