

THE VIRGINIA CHAMBER'S ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AGENDA FOR THE 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE

- Address the cost and availability of child care and early childhood education to support our workforce, including for our military families and veterans
- Advocate for initiatives that strengthen pathways to the teaching profession and improve teacher attraction and retention
- Create training and workforce opportunities for all Virginians, including justice-involved individuals, people with disabilities, and individuals in recovery
- Invest in improvements to our education system to prepare and support a well-trained workforce
- Build affordable talent pathways for in-demand jobs through internships, apprenticeships, credentialing, and other work-based learning opportunities
- Support additional funding to VCCS for accelerated industry-aligned workforce training programs and credentialing

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Advocate for a more streamlined and efficient permitting process, while also maintaining existing standards

HOUSING

- Promote policies that increase the housing supply and address the affordability and quality of housing options for all Virginians, including our military families and veterans
- Develop targeted strategies to lessen disparities in homeownership

HEALTH CARE

- Invest in best practice models and programs to address critical workforce shortage areas, while developing ongoing strategies and data systems to address future workforce needs
- Advocate for services and supports that address the mental and behavioral health needs of Virginians

ENVIRONMENT

- Support policies that promote environmental stewardship across the Commonwealth

BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Maintain Virginia's current business climate and defend right-to-work
- Support economic development initiatives that improve site readiness and create jobs
- Improve access to funding and remove barriers that impede small business growth and entrepreneurship
- Advocate for policies that strengthen our supply chains and international trade
- Support funding for an out-of-state marketing campaign to encourage business relocation to Virginia
- Promote pro-business policies that protect and improve Virginia's current legal climate



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