



# 2018 Governmental Affairs Committee Legislative Agenda

Our Legislative Agenda is developed by the Governmental Affairs Committee, and communicates the Chamber's positions on issues at the state, local and federal levels of government. Working together with various legislative organizations, helps promote public policy decisions that reflect the priorities of the region's economy. Below is our stance on our economy's pressing issues, as of 2018.

## **EDUCATION / WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

- Ensuring that the CTAE pathways fall in line of our local employer needs in McDuffie County.
- Curriculum reform to match workforce demands.
- Push for businesses to adopt higher standards in our local workforce.
- Explore options of education models that provide students with a more in-depth knowledge of careers in McDuffie County (German Apprenticeship, Career Academy, etc.).
- Support and promote the state employment system (Department of Labor) and training systems (QuickStart, East Central Georgia Consortium and Augusta Technical College). Continue to encourage that these programs be driven by the actual needs of employers, based upon accurate and timely local labor market data.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION**

- Support the city of Thomson in the enforcement of Transfer Trucks to be forced to use Bypass around Thomson and not through downtown causing damage to Main Street historic buildings.