



2012 Kansas State Legislative Agenda
Approved by the KCK Chamber Board of Directors
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The KCK Chamber **supports** the preservation of STARBonds as an economic development tool for the state of Kansas.

The KCK Chamber **supports** the current expanded gaming bill SB66 which was passed by the legislature and signed into law by the Governor in 2007.

The KCK Chamber **continues to support** the University of Kansas Medical Center's request for annual funding to support the application for NCI designation.

The KCK Chamber **supports** the responsible continuation of the Kansas Bioscience Authority funding and governance as provided in the 2004 Kansas Economic Growth act

Tourism is a key economic development driver for the Kansas City Kansas region. The KCK Chamber **supports** efforts that will continue further development of tourism in our community and the state.

TAXES

The KCK Chamber **supports** the use of the local and state portions of the anticipated Northeast Destination Gaming casino to assist in lowering property taxes.

The KCK Chamber **supports** the study of current Kansas tax policy but urges that any changes considered in the state taxing policy be carefully examined from both a state and local aspect so as to not cause an undue burden in other state or local government taxing mechanisms which in turn could hurt businesses at the local level.

The KCK Chamber **supports** reducing government spending instead of increasing the cost of doing business through tax increases.

The KCK Chamber **opposes** the sunset or repeal of existing sales tax exemptions on professional services.

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Immigration

The KCK Chamber **supports** federal resolution to immigration reform and **opposes** state legislation increasing penalties or threatening the business licenses of employers who have unintentionally hired illegal workers.

Healthcare

The KCK Chamber **supports** the current smoking ban legislation that was passed in 2010.

Re-apportionment

The KCK Chamber **supports** the current federal congressional district Wyandotte County is currently in as it places our community with like communities. We **would not** support a change from this. Additionally, because Wyandotte County population has stabilized over the last decade, we would not support the reduction of state senate or representative seats for our county.

Fort Leavenworth

The KCK Chamber **supports** a strong, vibrant military base at nearby Fort Leavenworth and will work in support of local, state and federal officials to further policies and support which enhance the operations at Fort Leavenworth.

Regulation

The KCK Chamber **urges** all units of government to carefully weigh the cost-benefit consequences of existing and proposed new regulations before their implementation. The Chamber also **supports** the efforts of the Governor's Office of the Repealer in reviewing and eliminating unwarranted regulation in our state.

Transportation

The KCK Chamber **supports** the T-WORKS program as provided for in the 2010 Kansas Comprehensive Transportation Program.

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