

## 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES: Growing Minnesota together

The Minnesota Chamber works year-round to strengthen the state's business climate, improving the lives of all Minnesotans by creating economic opportunity and growing jobs. Our advocacy on behalf of employers, their employees and communities helps keep and expand business and jobs in Minnesota. The Minnesota Legislature can take several steps this session to help Minnesota grow.



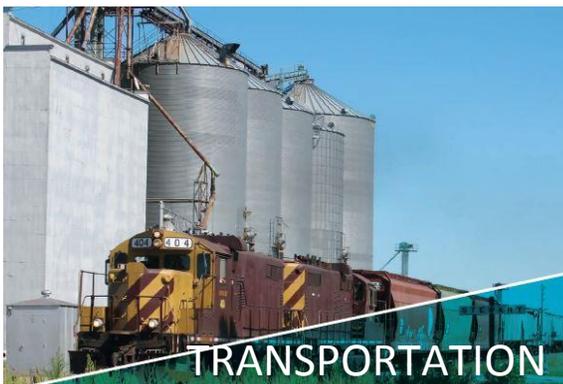
Reduce high tax burdens that continue to rank among the top barriers to economic growth and improvement.

- Use state revenue gains from federal tax reform to improve tax competitiveness.
- Reduce corporate and individual income tax rates and the statewide property tax levy.
- Provide relief for owners who report business income on personal income tax returns.
- Conform Minnesota's estate tax to the federal threshold.
- Protect the research-and-development tax credit.
- Protect against automatic tax inflators.



Minimize workplace regulations so businesses spend less time complying with laws and have more time innovating and creating jobs.

- Preserve flexibility among private-sector employers and employees.
- Ensure consistent statewide laws by explicitly prohibiting local governments from enacting wage and benefit mandates.



Provide long-term funding for roads, bridges and transit.

- Fully dedicate sales tax on rental cars and auto parts to transportation.
- Resolve long-term funding challenges facing the Twin Cities bus transit system.
- Establish permanent, long-term efficiency expectations at Minnesota Department of Transportation.



Ensure that our talented workforce remains among Minnesota's greatest assets.

- Workforce housing: Reduce regulatory and building costs and provide additional resources to spur private-sector investment.
- Child care: Provide more resources and align them to early childhood care with a quality rating system.
- Early childhood education: Provide scholarships to families in need vs. funding part-time, part-year prekindergarten program in public schools.
- Broadband: Adopt a regulatory structure that promotes private-sector investment in a strong broadband network across all regions.

Legislation passed in 2017 boosted investments in Minnesota's economic competitiveness, infrastructure, workforce and communities, benefitting individuals and employers. Lawmakers must do more to ensure that Minnesota businesses can compete in the global marketplace.

If we lead from ahead, we will remain there. It is up to us.

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