

REGIONAL 87TH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL CHAMBER COALITION

Maintain public school funding levels established in HB3 including full funding for high-quality pre-K and early childhood education for all eligible children.

Dallas Regional Chamber: Matt Garcia, Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Advocacy | mgarcia@dallaschamber.org | 214.746.6721

Maintain higher education formula funding from the 86th Session including restoring 5% mid-biennium cuts to higher education institutions.

Richardson Chamber: Bill Sproull, President & CEO | bill@richardsonchamber.com | 972.792.2850

Maintain funding for the Skills Development Fund grants to improve workforce training including 60X30TX, the Texas Reskilling & Upskilling Through Education initiative, and continuing investment in SBDCs to support small businesses.

McKinney Chamber: Lisa Hermes, President & CEO | lhermes@mckinneychamber.com | 972.542.0163

Maintain all economic development tools available, reauthorizing Chapter 313 to enable Texas the ability to compete for major capital-intensive projects, fund the Texas Enterprise Fund, Event Trust Fund, Texas Tourism, the Texas Music Office, and the Texas Film Commission at levels that keeps Texas competitive with other states.

Fort Worth Chamber: Rebecca Montgomery, Senior Vice President of Advocacy | rmontgomery@fortworthchamber.com | 817.338.3307

Support the reduction of the number of uninsured Texans by securing available federal and state funds to reform and renew opportunities to broaden the net of coverage for the uninsured.

North Dallas Chamber: Jeff Kitner, Chief Operating Officer | jkitner@ndcc.org | 214.368.6993

Keep Texas open for business by insuring all persons are welcome regardless of race, religion, or gender expression including supporting comprehensive non-discrimination policies.

North Texas Commission: Chris Wallace, President & CEO | chris@ntc-dfw.org | 469.359.5336

Support innovative financing tools that would leverage state funds to create jobs and expedite delivery of needed transportation and infrastructure projects as well as maintenance.

Greater Arlington Chamber: Bill Lynch, Director of Public Policy | blynch@arlingtontx.com | 817.543.4293

Oppose any attempt to limit or prohibit the authority of city, county, and/or school district officials to use public funds to communicate with legislators and state agencies, as well as to pay membership dues to organizations that hire lobbyists.

Frisco Chamber: Christopher Lee, Governmental Relations Manager | clee@friscochamber.com | 972.335.9522

Continue the exercise of equitable eminent domain to allow for construction of roads, pipelines, power transmission lines, rail, and water infrastructure.

Irving-Las Colinas Chamber: Erica Mulder, Vice President of Governmental Affairs & Communication | emulder@irvingchamber.com | 214.217.8481

Developing plans and resources needed for greater broadband connectivity to enhanced access to public education, healthcare, employment, news, and information.

Plano Chamber: Kelle Marsalis, President & CEO | kellem@planochamber.org | 972.424.7547

