



2025 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



Advocacy is the core responsibility of a chamber of commerce. To prevent anti-business legislation. Public policy significantly impacts businesses and their ability to operate.



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LEADING BUSINESSES
FORWARD

OUR MISSION

The Greater Mansfield Chamber of Commerce's purpose is to be a community catalyst for change that will create an impactful difference to the success of our members.

One of the core activities in support of our purpose is to advocate for pro-business policies and legislation to help businesses in the area grow and prosper.

It is critical that the members of the Texas Legislature who represent our city and our area hear and understand our legislative priorities for the 89th Texas Legislature. Our legislative agenda informs them of what we support and what we oppose in legislation we expect to be considered.



THE PRIORITIES

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Workforce Development & Education

Our community's success depends on a highly skilled workforce, and we are dedicated to fostering strong partnerships between education and industry. Our priorities include:

- Expanding vocational and technical education to meet the needs of businesses.
- Fostering collaboration between educational institutions and industries to ensure students are equipped with the skills necessary for the workforce.

Infrastructure

To support our growing population and business community, we prioritize:

- Investments in water, energy, and transportation infrastructure to ensure the long-term sustainability of economic growth.
- Supporting diversified energy strategies to maintain reliability and affordability for businesses.

Economic Development

We are committed to maintaining Mansfield's momentum by advocating for:

- Fully funded law enforcement to ensure a safe and secure business environment.
- Low regulation and smart growth initiatives that attract businesses and encourage sustainable development.
- The right incentives that encourage businesses to invest and grow while keeping government intervention minimal.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR

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Workforce Development & Education

Importance: 68%

Focus: Vocational and Technical Education

Our members prioritize workforce development and collaboration between educational institutions and industries. To meet the demands of a modern economy, we advocate for enhanced vocational and technical education programs that prepare students for high-quality jobs in critical industries.

Goals:

- Promote stronger partnerships between schools and industries to create more skilled workers.
- Support legislation that expands vocational training and trade schools.
- Advocate for educational initiatives that align with the needs of businesses and the evolving workforce.

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Infrastructure

Importance: 65%

Focus: Managing Population Growth, Water, Energy, and Transportation

As our region continues to grow, infrastructure must keep pace with population and economic demands. We support initiatives that improve transportation, ensure reliable energy, and manage water resources effectively. Strategic investments in these areas will help Texas remain competitive and prepared for future growth.

- Goals:
 - Support investments in transportation networks that enhance business operations and employee commutes.
 - Advocate for policies that ensure the reliable delivery of energy to businesses.
 - Prioritize water management systems that will meet the demands of future economic and population growth.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR

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Economic Development

Importance: 62%

Focus: Fully Funded Law Enforcement, Low Regulations, Smart Growth, Limited Government

Economic development is crucial for maintaining a thriving business environment. We believe in a balanced approach that includes supporting law enforcement to ensure a safe business climate, while also promoting low regulations and smart growth initiatives that attract businesses to Texas.

- Goals:
 - Ensure law enforcement agencies are adequately funded to maintain safety for businesses and residents.
 - Advocate for economic development tools that do not overburden businesses with excessive regulations.
 - Support tax incentives and other growth-oriented policies that attract the right kinds of businesses to the region.
 - Emphasize limited government intervention, ensuring a pro-business environment that fosters smart, sustainable growth.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR

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Education Funding

Importance: 58%

Focus: Fully Funded Public Education

While collaboration with vocational programs is crucial, we also support fully funding public education to ensure a solid foundation for economic growth. Properly funded schools can provide the necessary resources to equip students with the skills businesses need.

- Goals:
 - Advocate for balanced funding across public schools in Texas.
 - Ensure education funding is directed toward programs that align with workforce and economic development.



STRONG SUPPORT FOR

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Healthcare

Importance: 53%

Focus: Reducing Regulations, Addressing Big Pharma, Expanding Free Enterprise

Healthcare remains a challenge for many businesses, especially around the rising costs of insurance and regulatory burdens. We support reforms that reduce regulations on healthcare providers and businesses, while addressing the influence of large pharmaceutical companies. Encouraging competition and free-market solutions will help drive down healthcare costs for employers and employees.

- Goals:
 - Reduce healthcare-related regulatory burdens on small businesses.
 - Advocate for transparency and accountability in pharmaceutical pricing.
 - Support policies that promote competition in healthcare services to lower costs and increase access.