

2018

Iowa Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Support important economic development tools and growth opportunities:

- Ensure funding for the following programs:
 - New Jobs (260 E&F)
 - High Quality Jobs
 - Research Activities Credit
 - Historic Tax Credit
 - Workforce Housing Tax Credit
 - Venture Capital & Angel Funds
 - Brownfield & Grayfield Redevelopment
- Preserve TIF, Urban Revitalization Zones and other tools for local governments.
- Provide sustained funding for Enhance Iowa initiatives.

Support workforce development and education:

- Adequately fund schools.
- Change the funding formula to ensure equal funding per student.

Enact tax reform that would simplify and streamline Iowa Tax Code without reducing revenue, and fully-fund the Commercial Property Tax Backfill.

Enhance transportation connections between the Quad Cities and rest of Iowa:

- Provide passenger rail connection to Iowa City, Des Moines, and Omaha.
- Expand I-80 to six lanes from the Quad Cities to Iowa City.
- Ensure funding for a new, six-lane I-80 bridge.

Ensure funding for adequate access to behavioral health care facilities and professionals:

- Create programs which will attract needed professionals.
- Continue to fund Care Coordination Entities.
- Support telemedicine by ensuring reimbursement for and integration of care.