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QUAD CITIES CHAMBER

Illinois Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Business Climate and Economic Competitiveness:

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Education and Workforce Readiness:

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Iowa Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Business Climate and Economic Competitiveness:

- **Protecting Economic Development Incentives**
 - Economic incentives are crucial to attract new businesses and expand businesses. We ask the Iowa legislature to maintain the current status of economic development incentives, like Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and the Iowa Historic Tax Credit. TIF is a tool used to attract and retain expanding businesses in our area while the Historic Tax Credit is used to revitalize buildings that are being repurposed throughout our region.
- **Reduce Overall Property Tax Burden on Businesses**
 - When surveyed, Quad Cities Chamber members shared their main concern holding them back from expanding is property taxes. The Chamber stands ready to work with our elected officials to reduce the overall property tax burden on businesses.

Education and Workforce Readiness:

- **Increase Spending of Workforce Development and Education**
 - Workforce development was the top issue for our membership. We ask the Iowa Legislature to increase appropriations to Iowa Workforce Development (IWD).
 - The Chamber asks the Iowa Legislators to expand Future Ready Iowa and push for meaningful, and equitable, K-12 education funding reform to help prepare our next generation work force. Having a world-class education system is vital to the growth of our businesses and region.