2020 POLICY & ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

REGIONAL FUNDING

- Advocate for the creation of a Quad Cities Regional Metropolitan Authority that allows for investment in quality of life and infrastructure initiatives on a regional basis, creating a bi-state regional funding mechanism that will support the advancement of Q2030 goals.

WORKFORCE READINESS AND EDUCATION

- Support policies that develop, attract and retain our workforce.
- Push for meaningful and equitable education funding and reforms for all levels of education, including PreK–12, community colleges and four-year public and private colleges and universities.
- Advocate for initiatives, such as Future Ready Iowa, that build our workforce and talent pipelines.
- Support development of placemaking and quality of life projects, such as Enhance Iowa, that help attract and retain workers in the region.

BUSINESS CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS

- Advocate for tax reform that is fair, competitive, simple and spurs economic growth.
- Protect economic development incentives beneficial to the Quad Cities, such as Historic Tax Credit and TIF.
- Encourage competitive workers’ compensation rates in Iowa and Illinois.

REGIONAL FLOOD PLAN

- Work with partners to develop a long-term, comprehensive regional flood plan to protect businesses, infrastructure and other assets throughout the Quad Cities region.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Advocate for access to affordable and adequate early childhood care, which is a workforce issue as well as an education and quality of life issue.

TRANSPORTATION

- Ensure completion of passenger rail route between Quad Cities and Chicago.