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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

PRO-BUSINESS PRIORITIES & POSITIONS

[BUSINESS CLIMATE & FISCAL POLICY]

- Support current tax incentives that facilitate capital investment and job creation
- Support tax policies that make Georgia attractive for statewide work force growth while avoiding undue shifts in tax burden
- Target crime and enhance public safety through investments, and through policy solutions and partnerships with public safety entities across the state
- Support legislation that establishes a clear standard that business and property owners can follow as they implement procedures to protect their employees and customers
- Support policies that diversify housing options and incentivize development of work force housing
- Oppose policies that increase regulations and costs on housing development
- Support investments and development of programs and policies that support entrepreneurship and innovation in Georgia's hub communities

[TALENT & WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT]

- Promote policies that bolster the full work force talent pipeline in partnership with K-12 education, technical and higher education, and the business community
- Support policies that increase access to funding for technical and higher education training, and for retraining the work force
- Support policies that increase awareness and access to higher education options for Georgians and DACA recipients
- Support second-chance employment policies that bolster the work force and facilitate economic mobility
- Expand public support of Pre-K slots to increase access to early learning education

[HEALTH CARE]

- Support policies that expand Georgia's health professions pipeline, including appropriate licensure reform to grow Georgia's health care work force and increased investments in programs that support Georgia's high-demand health care industry
- Support appropriate reimbursement rates for telemedicine services to increase access to care for all patients
- Support initiatives and investments that expand access to care and strengthen regional health care delivery
- Support efforts to enhance Georgia's trauma care network

FUNDING PRIORITIES

- \$15.6 million for construction of the Criminal Justice Demonstration Center at Albany Technical College to support criminal justice enrollment growth and law enforcement training needs throughout Southwest Georgia.
- \$892,000 to expand Pre-K program in Dougherty County by 221 students, nearly doubling the number of Pre-K eligible children who could participate in this fundamental program shown to have a significant, positive impact on student educational achievement.

[INFRASTRUCTURE]

- Support studying the benefits of extending I-185 through Albany and the extension and expansion of Georgia Highway 300 through Albany
- Support expansion and modernization of transportation infrastructure, including freight and ports
- Expand broadband access and efficiency in underserved areas through public-private investment and incentives; and support legislation that assists in deploying privately funded telecommunications infrastructure
- Bolster the creation and implementation of public-private partnerships to further all infrastructure improvements

[DEFENSE]

- Support policies, investments and partnerships that strengthen Georgia's defense communities
- Support policies that incentivize a strong work force that includes defense personnel, veterans and military retirees
- Support policies that ease defense family transition into Georgia's communities, including promoting licensure portability
- Support statewide coordination of Georgia's defense communities, including the Georgia Joint Defense Commission

[NATURAL RESOURCES]

- Preserve and enhance access to high-quality, affordable water supplies for businesses and communities in the Albany Area and Southwest Georgia

ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PRIORITIES

- Support policies, investments and partnerships that bolster Georgia's hub communities
- Support policies, appropriations and partnerships that facilitate readiness and capabilities at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany
- Support policies that incentivize a strong work force that includes defense personnel, veterans and military retirees
- Protect business owners from profit-based litigation that uses the threat of lawsuits to extort payments
- Support smart immigration policy reforms to support work force demands, boost economic growth, create jobs and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship
- Support policies and legislation that provide equal tax treatment of brick-and-mortar and online retailers
- Support policies that encourage growth and modernization of telecommunications and energy infrastructure
- Support policies that expand access to and improve affordability of high-quality health care services
- Ensure agricultural producers are operating on a level playing field as they compete with growers around the globe
- Ensure fair, non-retaliatory tariffs on U.S. exporters