

# Advocate

## Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda

### **THE CHAMBER SUPPORTS BUSINESS AND GROWING THE ECONOMY**

by striving for an active and internationally accessible port; fair, free and reciprocal trade; a competitive tax code; and a regulatory environment that keeps Alabama open for business.

### **THE CHAMBER IS CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR ALABAMIANS**

by encouraging our partners to increase access to Alabama beaches; expand jobs within Mobile-area companies; recruit new companies and deliver new job opportunities; provide advancement opportunities for Mobilians; and create training programs for Alabama's workforce.

### **THE CHAMBER IS ADVOCATING FOR ALABAMA**

as we work to create an environment where industry and businesses can thrive; cultivate a positive legislative environment and economic landscape; and be good stewards of Alabama's natural resources.



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# Advocating for Alabama *Advocating*

## **FUNDAMENTAL FOUNDATIONS**

Mobile connects Alabama to the world, and the Chamber is pushing to fund infrastructure improvements that will catapult our economic position in the region and nationwide. The Port of Mobile is the top economic driver for the state, and through deepening and widening the Port, Mobile stands to be the gateway for economic success and growth statewide.

Infrastructure improvements like deepening and widening the Port of Mobile are essential to growth, and revenue is essential to infrastructure. Keeping the cyclical nature of funding, infrastructure and growth in mind, the Chamber is working to create a positive business environment that brings jobs to the area so we can grow our tax base and invest in Alabama.

With infrastructure improvements in place, our booming economy will continue to soar. In this environment, a strong public education system is critical to cultivating a thriving business community. The Chamber supports education systems such as Mobile County Public Schools, our community colleges and universities, and will continue to advocate to fully fund Alabama's education budget so we can deliver a college and career ready workforce to our industry partners.

## **TRAINING AND ADVANCING ALABAMA'S WORKFORCE**

The Chamber strives to create opportunities for south Alabamians by advocating for a legislative environment allowing area businesses to grow jobs and is attractive to new and expanding companies.

We are seeking to increase opportunities for advancement through education and training programs for the Mobile region's workforce by facilitating partnerships between industry leaders and government entities to create and enhance workforce development programs.

With the support of the Alabama State Legislature, we will bridge the gap between job seekers and the training required to fill our many highly skilled jobs, thereby creating a competitive employment environment that favors Alabama workers.

## **GOOD STEWARDSHIP OF ALABAMA'S NATURAL RESOURCES**

While the Chamber collaborates with our partners to deepen and widen the Port of Mobile, expand access to our beaches, and improve infrastructure to expand existing industry and attract new industries, we must not forget what makes Alabama special. Whether on water or land, we must protect our natural resources, and keep people across the world coming back to Alabama for more of our great outdoors.

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## **SUPPORTING AMERICA'S LARGEST EMPLOYER - SMALL BUSINESS**

Small businesses across the country employ more than half of all American workers. Without them, our communities would lack the character and personality that makes Alabama memorable to visitors and brings us together as citizens. As such, creating a legislative environment where small business can grow freely is a top priority for the Chamber.

Small businesses would cease to exist without entrepreneurs' drive to build a business from the ground up and their innovative approach to commerce. The Chamber backs these growing businesses and the new business incubator, Innovation PortAL, working to help entrepreneurs get their ideas off the ground and spur regional growth.

## **A HEALTHY ALABAMA**

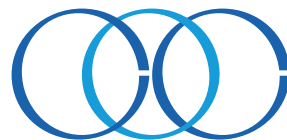
In an effort to keep all Alabamians healthy, we are working to resolve the Medicare wage-index issue so our hospitals are adequately funded. The Chamber supports employer based, provider driven access to healthcare for all Alabamians, and seeks a provider-driven approach to reform Medicaid and ensure access to care.

## **MADE BY ALABAMA, FOR AMERICA & THE WORLD**

With an internationally connected port, five class one railroads, two high-capacity airports and two interstate systems, Mobile makes Alabama competitive.

The Chamber is actively engaged in keeping Alabama attractive globally through advocating for tax credits and infrastructure investments that will draw industry to the Mobile area. We support fair, free and reciprocal trade that keeps Alabama open to foreign investors, and discourages tariffs and non-tariff barriers that impede local exporters and investment attraction.

The Chamber supports business and is growing the economy by striving for an active and internationally accessible port; fair, free and reciprocal trade; a competitive tax code; and a regulatory environment that keeps Alabama open for business.



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# A Year of Advocacy for Alabama

## Legislative Lunch

Mobile-Baldwin Delegation  
*Spring 2019*

## Policy Forums

*Spring & Fall 2019*

## Forum Alabama

Quarterly Events  
*Governor Kay Ivey*  
*Senator Richard Shelby*  
*Senator Doug Jones*  
*Congressman Bradley Byrne*

## Leaders Exchange

Best Practices for Mobile  
City-State Business & Community Leaders  
*Fall 2019*

## Champagne & Oysters

Newly & Re-Elected Officials  
*December 2019*

## Montgomery Legislative Reception

Alabama State Legislature  
*Spring 2019*

## State of the City & County

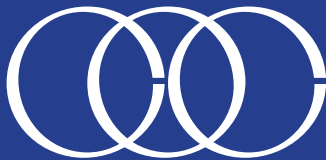
Mobile City-County Officials  
*Spring 2019*

## Washington DC Fly-In

Presidential Administration Officials  
U.S. House & Senate  
*Fall 2019*

## Pork & Politics

Mobile-Baldwin Area  
Candidates for Office  
*Summer 2020*



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