2016 Legislative Priorities

Focused On Forward

One Acadiana is advancing a set of legislative priorities, developed through our policy committees and adopted by our Board of Directors. These priorities build on the “Priorities for a Better Acadiana” and reflect Louisiana’s urgent need for fiscal stability and sustainability. Achieving success on these priorities will require leadership and commitment from our State government leaders and strong collaboration with partners across the state.

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Fiscal Priorities
Seek long-term fiscal sustainability and stability through cost-containing measures and reform of the budget process while adequately funding key priorities like pre-K-12 and higher education, health care, and transportation infrastructure.

Economic Development
Maintain and advance industry-based competitiveness, including key economic development incentives proven to generate return on public investment (esp. Digital Media/Software Development, Quality Jobs, R&D, Competitive Projects Payroll Incentive, and Angel Investor).

Transportation Infrastructure
Maintain I-49 South as a top transportation priority for the state and work toward a sustainable transportation funding solution, including restoring faith in the Transportation Trust Fund.

Workforce Development
Promote demand-driven workforce programs, support increased autonomy for higher education institutions, and advocate for capital outlay funds to strengthen SLCC’s new International School of Aviation Excellence and construct a new UL Lafayette engineering facility.

Public Education
Protect and advance gains made in pre-K-12 education by maintaining rigorous academic standards matched with a fair, robust accountability system designed to increase student achievement.

“Now more than ever we must come together as a region and advance priorities like these that protect and grow our economy.”

Taylor Barras
Speaker of the House

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