

2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ADVANCING OUR REGION AND STATE

One Acadiana is advocating for a set of legislative priorities to advance the organization's vision of creating the best possible place for business and talent to locate and stay.

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

➤ CONTINUE TO IMPROVE LOUISIANA'S TAX COMPETITIVENESS

- Resume pursuit of centralized sales tax collection

➤ PREEMPT A PREVENTABLE TAX INCREASE ON BUSINESS

- Dedicate sufficient federal stimulus funding to replenish the UC Trust Fund and avoid triggering a higher tax burden on employers

➤ SUSTAIN LOUISIANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT

- Protect the Quality Jobs rebate program, an important tool for job creation

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

➤ INCREASE FUNDING COMMITMENT TO I-49 LAFAYETTE CONNECTOR

- Prioritize one-time infrastructure funding for the I-49 Lafayette Connector, the most shovel-ready of any of the top megaprojects in the state

➤ EMPOWER REGIONAL GOVERNANCE ON WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

- Advance Louisiana Watershed Initiative goals while enabling regional watershed management and H&H modeling oversight

➤ COMMIT CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING TO REGIONAL CATALYST PROJECTS

- Support capital outlay investment in high-impact projects throughout the Acadiana region

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

➤ PRIORITIZE EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION

- Sufficiently fund early care and education, which is critical for our children's brain development and their parents' ability to participate in the workforce

➤ INCREASE ACCESS TO K-12 COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION

- Appropriate \$1 million annually for K-12 computer science teacher professional development
- Allow additional computer science courses to count toward TOPS course requirements

➤ EASE PATHWAYS TO DEGREE AND CREDENTIAL COMPLETION

- Ensure college credits articulate and transfer more seamlessly across institutions
- Bolster adult learner reenrollment, including support of the new MJ Foster Promise Program

➤ REDUCE BARRIERS TO WORKFORCE ENTRY

- Reevaluate occupational licensing requirements, and advance other policies that allow more Louisianans to get to work and fill high-demand jobs

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