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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