

2023 PUBLIC POLICY & LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Our policy positions are a reflection of our members and proposals they believe will advance the growth and prosperity of our region. From upgraded infrastructure to talent attraction/investment and the elevation of regional partnerships, E-REP focuses on positive outcomes for our community through proactive and strong relationships with the Southwest Indiana legislative delegation and a grassroots support of our membership. We advocate for public policies that facilitate business success and a welcoming ecosystem for talent.



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PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

COMPLETE I-69

Support swift completion of Interstate 69 in Indiana and across a new Ohio River bridge into Kentucky.

UPGRADE INFRASTRUCTURE

Support a regulatory environment and funding streams that enable the creation of economic development sites and the movement of people, products and information around our region and around the world; from increased broadband accessibility and capacity to expanded services at Evansville Regional Airport (EVV), to water and sewer piping and all the other investments that make the economy flow.

FORTIFY OUR TALENT

Support local and state efforts designed to grow our talent pool, enhance the skills of our workforce, and align our state's talent base with the needs of employers in a system that values the spectrum of educational options from vocational education to professional degrees.

ELEVATE REGIONAL SUCCESS

Support policies and projects designed to support regionally-driven plans to stimulate and leverage public and private investment to make our communities even more livable, attractive and vibrant.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY HEALTH

Support policies and programs designed to improve the overall wellness of our workforce, including: reducing tobacco use, addressing the drug epidemic; ensuring access to affordable, high-quality physical and mental healthcare; supporting walkability initiatives; etc.

EMBRACE DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Keep the value of diversity, inclusion, and equity at the core of all of our efforts, embracing protections for vulnerable members of our community and working to eliminate legislation and regulations that have a more significant impact on minority populations.

Legislative Priorities on reverse side.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CREATE OPPORTUNITY

Leverage federal resources and state surpluses to support Hoosier businesses, workers, and families to stabilize today and create better opportunities tomorrow with an emphasis on areas with a strong

return on investment, such as education, tourism, workforce training, and infrastructure.

Reduce government interference and limit unnecessary regulations to maintain Indiana's reputation as a state that encourages businesses to operate freely and efficiently without significant state interference

STRENGTHEN OUR WORKFORCE

Create programs and incentives designed to attract more people to choose Indiana as a place to live and work.

Encourage policies that support lifelong learning and increase the educational attainment level of Hoosiers across the state.

Support efforts at the state and local level to decrease and ultimately eliminate the drug epidemic seen throughout Indiana.

Support increasing the cigarette tax as an effort to decrease smoking rates, lower healthcare costs, and improve the health of Indiana's workforce.

ENSURE AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE

Support an increase in public health funding as a driver for a healthier workforce and lower employer healthcare costs.

Support efforts to increase transparency of healthcare cost drivers and create opportunities to reduce costs for employers and employees while protecting and enhancing the quality of care provided to Hoosiers.

DRIVE REGIONALISM

Support READI 2.0 and policies to incentivize regional planning to catalyze quality of place and talent attraction projects while maintaining a regional collaboration model.

INVEST IN EDUCATION

Support levels of funding for education from early childhood to K-12 to Higher Ed to implement and maintain programs that support future employment needs, attract high quality educators to lead classrooms, and maximize resource allocation through high-functioning systems.

Support initiatives that maintain Indiana school board members as non-partisan elected officials responsive to the community they serve.

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We are the collective voice of business and economic development leaders for the Evansville Region on the local, state and federal levels.



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