



THE STATE CHAMBER

Small Business & Manufacturing

2021 Legislative Initiatives

State Agenda

- Speak as the unified voice of Oklahoma's manufacturers, advocating business-friendly legislation and regulations at all levels of government.
- Strengthen Oklahoma's existing manufacturing economy through probusiness legislation, business development communications and networking opportunities through various programs and activities.
- Educate our citizens, employees and the emerging workforce on the continuing importance of manufacturing in Oklahoma and associated career opportunities.
- Maintain strong, positive support for manufacturers, The Alliance for Manufacturing Excellence and the State Chamber.
- Address the issues of identifying, recruiting and retaining trained workers. The State Chamber supports the Occupational Licensing Commission in its mission to support licensed trades and professions.
- Reduce the regulatory and statutory burdens on small businesses and manufacturers while assisting them in their efforts to comply with current laws and regulations.
- Support tax incentives, credits and other benefits that foster growth opportunities for Oklahoma's manufacturing ecosystem and small businesses.
- Support efforts to streamline, simplify, and reduce paperwork and filings required by small businesses and manufacturers.
- Support pro-business lawsuit reforms that will improve the competitiveness of Oklahoma's manufacturing sector including product liability reform.
- Preserve and defend Oklahoma's Right to Work laws, Workers' Compensation reforms and Occupational Licensing reforms.
- Support the appointment or election of business-minded individuals to serve on state agencies, boards and commissions, including local school boards and support rule-making processes that: include the voice of business; are consistent in procedure and scope; are transparent to the public; and, are accountable to regulated entities as well as other stakeholders.
- Support businesses, industries and manufacturers in research and development endeavors for the purpose of commercialization to compete in a national and global market.
- Support communication and collaboration with Oklahoma's tribal governments to enhance the state's manufacturing and small business environment.

Federal Agenda

- Accelerate the adoption of advanced manufacturing technologies in support of the MEP national network.
- Make permanent the Small Business Innovation Research and the Small Business Technology Transfer programs.

- Support the Small Business Administration loan program and other efforts to empower small business growth.