

HOW THE STATE CHAMBER OF OKLAHOMA WORKS FOR YOUR BUSINESS



The State Chamber of Oklahoma has been the state's leading advocate for business since 1926, representing companies of all types and sizes. The State Chamber fights for its members at the Capitol by opposing bills that are bad for business and championing legislation that grows our economy.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

▶ LOWERED WORKERS' COMP COSTS BY NEARLY 40%

We fought to overhaul Oklahoma's workers' compensation system, resulting in savings of about \$400 million for Oklahoma employers. Previously, Oklahoma paid the sixth highest premiums in the nation.

▶ SPEARHEADED LAWSUIT REFORM

We championed lawsuit reform to prevent frivolous lawsuits. Over the past 15 years, Oklahoma has adopted more than 90 common-sense lawsuit reforms that help keep business costs manageable.

▶ BLOCKED NEARLY \$2 BILLION IN NEW TAXES

Defeated efforts this year to impose nearly \$2 billion in new taxes through a sales tax on services and prevented attempts to increase other taxes on business.

▶ PUSHED FOR QUALITY OKLAHOMA SCHOOLS

Supported enhancements to Oklahoma's A-F school grading system to provide a more accurate understanding of school performance and prepare students for successful careers.

▶ SAVED \$593 MILLION PER YEAR FOR EMPLOYERS

The State Chamber blocked efforts by Oklahoma lawmakers (in 2015, 2016 and 2017) to force mandatory increases in minimum wages/benefits and raise employer penalties sevenfold.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

▶ ACCELERATED GROWTH IN OIL & NATURAL GAS

Helped pass long lateral legislation, allowing energy producers to develop natural resources with less surface disturbance. Long lateral drilling means more jobs, larger royalty payments for Oklahomans and more revenue for our state and local government.

▶ FOUGHT FOR MAJOR CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM

A coalition of multi-national, national and state companies led by the State Chamber successfully argued in 2017 for major civil procedure reform to update Oklahoma's legal discovery laws.

▶ ENCOURAGED ECONOMIC GROWTH

Protected valuable economic development measures to encourage growth in aerospace, energy, manufacturing, retail, technology, banking and more. We've also helped defeat hundreds of job-killing bills in recent years.

▶ LAUNCHED A STATEWIDE VISION PLAN

In 2017, the State Chamber Research Foundation initiated OK2030, a strategic vision plan to put Oklahoma at the top of key national rankings by the year 2030 to improve the state's business climate, workforce, quality of life, fiscal stability and growth.



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