



KILGORE

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2023 Legislative Agenda

The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the Voice of Business for businesses located in Kilgore, Texas, and surrounding communities. The Chamber represents our business members' voice by addressing and adopting support or opposition to key legislative priorities believed to affect economic growth in the Kilgore area.

The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce is committed to supporting and assisting in building a strong economic partnership with the business community and business leaders through the continuance of positive and enhanced quality of life and business growth through attracting new businesses and residents, and enhancement of workforce development and training. The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda reflects our business partner's and members' priorities for the future.



HEALTHCARE

- *Support* legislation expanding access to affordable mental health services, medical care, and appropriately priced pharmaceuticals

EDUCATION

- *Support* major renovations to the community college finance system significantly improving our community college postsecondary completion and workforce development outcomes
- *Oppose* legislation negatively impacting the funding mechanisms for our public education systems

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

- *Support* legislation recognizing the uniqueness of Texas businesses by delegating regulations to the appropriate level of government and creating fair and flexible options to avoid business restrictions and closures
- *Support* legislation clarifying that sales taxes in Texas be based on origin and not the destination
- *Oppose* attempts to standardize and oversimplify state or federal regulations weakening the Kilgore business community

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- *Support* efforts to expedite the rewrite of Chapter 313 economic development incentives
- *Support* legislation protecting the original intent of economic development funding for Type A and Type B purposes

INFRASTRUCTURE

- *Support* legislation improving access to quality water, broadband, electric, and gas services
- *Support* legislation protecting the rights of East Texans to maintain control of historical water rights

ENERGY

- *Support* legislation developing local energy resources such as natural gas, oil, and lignite