



KILGORE

AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

89th Legislative Session Local Public Priorities

The Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce serves as the Voice of Business for businesses in and near Kilgore, Texas. The Chamber represents our business members' voices by supporting or opposing key legislative priorities believed to affect economic growth in the Kilgore area. Our business community is unique in its manufacturing strength and production capabilities. Kilgore is a hub for employment, education, medical, and manufacturing. Kilgore's MSA includes over a quarter million in population, focusing on a robust commercial and industrial workforce.



HEALTHCARE

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

EDUCATION

- *Support* continued clarification around and funding of HB 8
- *Oppose* legislation negatively impacting the funding mechanisms for our local public education systems

BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY ADVOCACY

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

ECONOMIC & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- *Support* continuation of funding for HB5 initiatives
- *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, internet access, 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, lignite, and carbon capture