

2025 PUBLIC POLICY AGENDA

We are proud to present the following Public Policy Agenda, a comprehensive initiative designed to represent the East Alabama region. This agenda will be published on our website, shared via email, and distributed in print to our local, state, and federal elected officials.

A special thank you to our Public Policy Committee, Board of Directors and the East Alabama Chamber for their invaluable contributions in shaping this initiative.



EAST ALABAMA REGION



On behalf of the business community of East Alabama, we present a summary of public policy priorities based on the most pressing concerns of local businesses. The East Alabama Chamber and Opelika Chamber are membership organizations serving nearly 30,000 working men and women through over 1,500 business enterprises, civic organizations, and educational institutions in East Alabama.

Read more about the 2025 Legislative Priorities:

WORKFORCE & TALENT DEVELOPMENT

- Expand workforce development initiatives that improve workforce retention, including attainable housing and transportation solutions for employees, and access to and affordability of childcare services.
- Encourage the reduction of bureaucratic barriers for businesses hiring skilled labor and expand workforce training programs.
- Advocate for policies that help businesses attract and retain young professionals.



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TAXES & BUSINESS CLIMATE

- Encourage the simplification of business licensing processes and tax structures across Lee County and its area municipalities.
 - Promote legislation that ensures fair distribution of tax incentives for local businesses, as well as increased efficiency & transparency in tax revenue allocation.
 - Support the extension of the Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) to maintain lower corporate tax rates, and advocate for a current-policy baseline.
 - Support healthcare related legislation that enables small pharmacies to cover the cost of filling prescriptions, without causing undue expenses on the business community.
 - Encourage policies that provide small business tax relief, reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses, and promote responsible government spending practices.
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INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORTATION

- Advocate for improved public transportation options to assist workforce mobility.
- Support the distribution of existing funding for road expansions and repairs to address growing traffic congestion and challenges due to increased business and residential growth.
- Support public infrastructure investments, including reliable water and sewer systems, in an increasingly growing Lee County.



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