

2017 FEDERAL ACTION AGENDA

ALABAMA

21ST CENTURY WORKFORCE

The Business Council of Alabama supports policies and processes that promote access to quality education and strengthen educational investment as not only necessary, but also essential to ensuring personal income growth and economic opportunity for all Alabamians. The BCA also support programs that will enlarge the pool of skilled workers for the 21st Century workforce.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Business Council of Alabama supports efforts to secure federal contracts and support and enhance federal programs leveraging Alabama's military, defense and aerospace, biotech and medical research, and research and development opportunities.

ENERGY

The Business Council of Alabama supports sound environmental and energy legislation that takes the needs of individual states, and their economies, into consideration. The BCA believes that smart, sensible policies that encourage new growth and innovation in energy will benefit us all and usher in a new and long-lasting era of energy abundance.

HEALTH CARE

The Business Council of Alabama supports the repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The BCA encourages innovative solutions that increase employers' choices in purchasing affordable, quality health care and prescription coverage while decreasing health care costs through free-market competition without government interference. The BCA also supports reforming Medicaid so that it does not shift a significant burden to the states and the providers.

INFRASTRUCTURE

The Business Council of Alabama believes that a well-supported infrastructure system is as important to manufacturing, wholesale, and retail businesses and industries for profitability and job creation as any other component of a successful business model. The BCA supports efforts to preserve the long-term viability of the Federal Highway Trust Fund and to ensure full funding for our aviation and water systems.

LEGAL REFORM

The Business Council of Alabama is a strong advocate for reducing the filing of frivolous lawsuits and striking an appropriate balance between protecting consumer and business interests with the goal of having a fair business climate.

REGULATORY RELIEF AND REFORM

The Business Council of Alabama believes that federal regulations should be narrowly tailored and supported by strong and credible data and evidence, and impose the least burden possible. The BCA will not support efforts of overregulation that impede the ability of businesses to operate and expand.

TAX REFORM

The Business Council of Alabama supports comprehensive tax reform that will lower the corporate tax rate enabling American companies to compete for investment across the globe and not stand idle, while other nations move into those markets. The BCA also believes that any tax reform proposal must be tied to governmental accountability and elimination of wasteful spending.

TRADE

The Business Council of Alabama supports policies that provide opportunities for Alabama businesses to expand their market footprint through international trade.