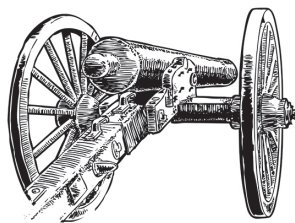
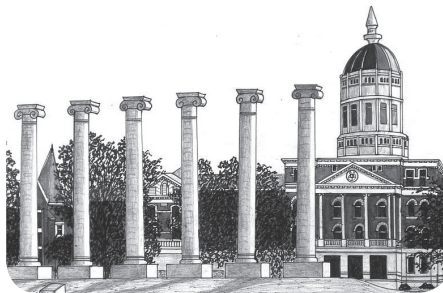


# 2018 COLUMBIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA



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# 2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Since 1905, the Columbia Chamber of Commerce has been a voluntary, member-supported organization of business, industrial and professional people who are dedicated to developing, promoting and maintaining a sound and healthy economic climate for Columbia. The Chamber is a non-profit business organization with about 1,000 members working together to enhance the Columbia business community.

One way to achieve this mission is by advocating on behalf of our members at the state capitol. The following are the 2018 Legislative Priorities of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

- 1. SUPPORT STABILIZING THE FUNDING FOR UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI TO HELP ENSURE THE UNIVERSITY CAN CARRY OUT ITS MISSION.**
- 2. SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PLAN FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM TO BETTER SUPPORT MISSOURI'S ECONOMIC GROWTH, WITH A FOCUS OF ADVOCATING ON REBUILDING INTERSTATE 70.**
- 3. SUPPORT THE EFFORTS IN FY19 TO EXPAND EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI RESEARCH REACTOR (MURR)**
- 4. CONTINUE TO ADVANCE EFFORTS TO COMPLETE THE COLUMBIA REGIONAL AIRPORT TERMINAL PROJECT.**
- 5. SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT IMPLEMENTS THE STREAMLINED SALES AND USE TAX AGREEMENT. THIS LEGISLATION WOULD HELP LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD BETWEEN LOCAL RETAILERS AND THEIR OUT-OF-STATE COMPETITORS WHEN IT COMES TO USE OR SALES TAXES ON INTERNET AND CATALOGUE PURCHASES MADE BY CONSUMERS.**
- 6. ENACT A STATEWIDE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM THAT LOWERS WORKFORCE DRUG ABUSE AND INSURANCE COSTS FOR EMPLOYERS.**

# 2018 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS



## ADMINISTRATION/OTHER ISSUES

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The Columbia Chamber of Commerce supports legislation which would improve efficiencies at the state level at all times. The Chamber further supports legislation that would:

1. Enact a statewide prescription drug monitoring program that lowers workforce drug abuse and insurance costs for employers.
2. Support enabling legislation that would allow University of Missouri Health Care and Boone Hospital Center to enter into a partnership agreement



## BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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A strong pro-business environment is critical for Missouri to remain competitive in a global economy. The Chamber supports initiatives that encourage a healthy business climate in our state including:

1. Support efforts to increase funding for the Missouri Technology Corporation.
2. Expand apprenticeship and other work experience training opportunities.
3. Support the efforts in FY19 to expand education and training at the University of Missouri Research Reactor (MURR).
4. Enact tort reforms needed to balance our courts.



## EDUCATION

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The Columbia Chamber of Commerce supports appropriate legislative action to stabilize funding for all levels of education and encourages the legislature to continue restoring funding reductions.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

Investing in the educational needs of Columbia's youngest citizens helps to ensure the sustainability of our community and the future needs of our workforce, the Chamber supports legislation that would:

1. Support public school districts ability to enter into transportation pilot programs to create cost savings and encourage partnerships within their local communities.
2. Enact authorizing legislation that allows elementary and secondary school districts to create a visiting scholar certificate program. This will allow schools the flexibility to start programs for subjects that are difficult to find qualified teachers. It would also allow school districts to fill essential gaps with the help of business professionals in our community.

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**

Investing in the educational needs of Columbia's youngest citizens helps to ensure the sustainability of our community and the future needs of our workforce, the Chamber supports legislation that would:

1. Continued funding for the Parents as Teachers program.
2. Expand access to pre-K education for Missouri children.



## EDUCATION, CONT...

### **ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION**

Education for young people during their more formative years is critical in the creation of a safer community and a competitive workforce for the future. The Chamber supports legislation that would:

1. Continue to fully fund pre-K through 12 public education as achieved in FY 18 Budget appropriation to ensure Missouri's educational system is competitive and capable of effectively preparing tomorrow's workforce.
2. Support the infusion of incentive grants for public schools to develop Science, Technology, Engineering and Math programs to encourage students to gain skills and background in those disciplines.

### **HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**

Columbia is home to several important higher-learning institutions that help ensure Columbia is ready for jobs for the future. The Chamber supports:

1. Stabilizing of funding for University of Missouri to help ensure the University can carry out their Mission.
2. Construction of a Translational Precision Medicine Complex at the University of Missouri for the construction of laboratory space for interdisciplinary work by researchers.



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## TAXES & TAX CREDITS

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The Columbia Chamber of Commerce understands the need for tax codes that are fair and equitable to all Missouri citizens. The Chamber supports:

1. Legislation that implements the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement. This legislation would help level the playing field between local retailers and their out-of-state competitors when it comes to use or sales taxes on internet and catalogue purchases made by consumers.



## TRANSPORTATION

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Missouri's natural geographic advantages make it prime for moving economic development forward in our nation. Adequate transportation funding and a formula that reflects the economic strength and development needs are vital to the community. It is essential that we protect the investment, Missourians have already placed into our transportation infrastructure and enact a funding structure which is consistent so that we can plan for future needs.

1. Support a sustainable funding plan for a comprehensive transportation system to better support Missouri's economic growth. Including a focus of advocating on rebuilding Interstate 70.
2. Continue to advance efforts to complete the Columbia Regional Airport Terminal Project.

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