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LOCAL

Bill Name	Pro-Biz or No-Biz	Summary of Bill and What it Means for Your Business	Progress
Beach Renourishment		Advocate for funding towards beach renourishment. Beach renourishment is essential for protecting our award winning beaches. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Business Development		Steamline the process to open a business and allow business owners to invest in our communities by reducing burdensome regulations. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Economic Development		Redevelopment is essential to save our beach towns from losing our amenities while keeping taxes low. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	LOSE
Pedestrian Safety		Advocate for pedestrian safety. Promotion and education of the unique crosswalk system along Gulf Boulevard (SR699) is paramount. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Transient Boat Docks		Advocate for additional transient boat docks along the beaches to help build and revitalize our local economy. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	LOSE

COUNTY

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Sales Tax		Advocate for the recalculcation of sales tax returned to a municipality based on residents and visitors TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	LOSE
Tourist Development Tax Enforcement		Advocate for the enforment Tourist Development Tax collection to create fair and equitable funding oportunites essential for marketing our destination. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Tourist Development Tax Preservation		Advocate for the preservation of the Tourist Development Tax for its intended purpose; beach nourishment and promoting our destination. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Transportation		Advocate for state funding needed for Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority's proposed express service from Tampa International Airort to the Beaches. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN
Workforce Development		Advocate for an enhanced pool of workers is essential to remain competative in the changing economy. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	ONGOING

STATE			
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E-Verify		Advocate against E-Verify. If passed, would be an unfunded mandate on businesses with burdensome regulations. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: OPPOSE	WIN
Minimum Wage		Advocate against a \$15 minimum wage which would hurt the people it's intended to help. Employees would lose benefits, have hours cut and could even lose their job. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: OPPOSE	WIN Did not Pass
Insurance Reform		Advocate for competitive and stable markets to lower costs. Continue reforming flood, property and workers compensation insurance by spreading risk and reducing fraud. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
Reliable and Effective Energy Solutions		Advocate for reliable and effective energy solutions as an alternative to offshore oil drilling, ultimately protecting our beaches from another oil spill or perception of a spill. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
Short-Term Rentals		Advocate for a level playingfield for vacation rentals. Vacation rentals by property management companies or online platforms should be collecting taxes and regulated for health & safety. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	LOSE Did not Pass
Tax Reform		Advocate for smart & targeted tax reforms for job creators & consumers. Reduce Business Rent & Corporate Income Tax. Support online sales tax collection & remittance. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
Tourism		Advocate for adequate funding and resources to support the growing industry. Florida is a top travel destination with every 83 visitors creating 1 job. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
FEDERAL			
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Infrastructure Funding		Advocate for vital infrastructure funding to remain competitive as a top tourist destination. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
Regulation Reform		Advocate for reduced regulations. Regulations have become too complex, burdensome, duplicative & sometimes pointless which make it hard for small businesses to compete. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed
Overtime Regulations		Advocate for less burdensome overtime regulations. Provide feedback to the Department of Labor. TAMPA BAY BEACHES CHAMBER: SUPPORT	WIN Passed

