



## COMMIT TO PROTECTING FORT CAMPBELL AND ITS DEFENSE ASSETS

We oppose efforts to reduce troops and services at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, to the level suggested by the Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment report based on the installation's high military value and capability to provide outstanding individual and unit training. We urge Congress to remain firm in their commitment to our nation's security, defense operations, and military personnel.

## ENSURE STATE RECEIVES SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Our school system has seen vast improvements this year but continues to face obstacles such as poverty and mobility. We ask for funding for programs and initiatives that will help improve education in our region and provide teachers with the resources they need to succeed. Funding for programs is needed to support pre-K, K-12 and post-secondary schools.

- Federal law should give states the ability to implement education policies that will drive innovation in our schools to promote opportunities for work-based learning opportunities such as internships and youth apprenticeships.
- Protect Title I and Title II funding.
  - Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act provides financial assistance to local educational agencies and schools with high numbers/percentages of children from low-income families to help ensure that all children meet challenging state academic standards.
  - Title II provides education development opportunities for teachers. It provides low-income and minority students greater access to effective teachers, principals and other school leaders.

## DARK TOBACCO PRODUCT STANDARD

Opposes the implementation of the new rule proposed by the Federal Drug Administration that would reduce the standard for N-nitrosornicotine (NNN) occurring in dark tobacco to an unachievable level that would force many farms in western Kentucky to fail and manufacturers to close their doors.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The Chamber supports efforts to improve the quality of America's infrastructure, including investments in transportation, energy, waterways and wireless and broadband access. Transportation and energy infrastructure directly impact our ability to compete in the global economy. The Chamber supports a comprehensive plan to ensure our transportation system does not crumble. The nation's transportation system fuels economic development, creates jobs and enhances our overall competitiveness.

## INDUSTRIAL HEMP

Support H.R. 3530, the Industrial Hemp Farming Act which calls for the removal of industrial hemp from Schedule 1 of the Controlled Substances Act. Industrial hemp can offer farmers and effective rotational crop with promising economic benefits. Support H.R. 4711 which is a finance bill that would allow hemp farmers to use banking services. Hemp farmers are experiences major setback due to current policies thus stifling investments, growth and quality for this agriculture commodity.



## INTERNATIONAL TRADE

The trade with Canada and Mexico has created American jobs, boosted economic growth, and strengthened local economies. As our country's top export markets, trade with Canada and Mexico supports 14 million American jobs, including tens of thousands of jobs in every single state and more than 100,000 in 35 U.S. states. Each and every day, over \$3.5 billion, or \$1.3 trillion annually, is traded between the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. In fact, half of all Canadian and Mexican imports are "made-in-the-USA." The Chamber supports policies to open trade with promising markets abroad and to remove barriers that shut U.S. exports out of foreign markets. Promoting international trade for companies in Kentucky and other states will generate economic growth and job creation.

## OVERTIME REGULATION

The Kentucky Chamber supports legislation that would stop the Department of Labor's misguided proposed overtime regulation from going forward and sets out the conditions for reissuing a new overtime proposal. The proposed regulation would double the salary threshold under which employees would have to be paid overtime for hours worked beyond 40 per week from \$23,660 to \$50,440. This is a major increase which will force employers to decide whether to reclassify millions of employees to nonexempt status or increase their salaries to keep them exempt. Reclassifying employees will mean they will lose the ability to set their own hours or to work from home since that time will be compensable and tracking it will be impossible. Many employees who have been reclassified consider it a demotion and resent the change. The Chamber believes this proposed rule will greatly interfere with businesses' ability to manage their workforces for growth.

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