



2019 Federal Legislative Agenda

Top Priorities

- Support Oklahoma Department of Transportation reconstruction and alignment of the Indian Hills Interchange
- Continued support of the University of Oklahoma's weather research project GeoCarb

Job Creation and Taxation

The Norman Chamber supports the review taxes as related to businesses, particularly reform that encourages job growth.

The Norman Chamber supports unique private/public partnership programs like New Market Tax Credits which encourage investment and job creation in traditionally underserved areas such as Norman's center city.

The Norman Chamber supports continued efforts to ensure a level playing field between community retailers and remote/internet sellers in the collection of sales tax owed by the consumer regardless of the purchase location.

Regulatory Reform

The Norman Chamber opposes unnecessary government regulation or intervention that prevents an industrious business environment for investment, economic growth, technology innovation, and availability of products and services that benefit businesses and consumers in Oklahoma. Burdensome regulations such as Dodd/Frank and heavy-handed agencies like Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) stifle economic growth and discourages free market entrepreneurship.

The Norman Chamber opposes any Department of Labor (DOL) efforts to revise rules regarding overtime pay. The Chamber asks for continued DOL efforts to oppose this plan that particularly harms small businesses.

Education

The Norman Chamber of Commerce and the University of Oklahoma stand united in pursuing research and development that leads to job creation and assists the economic prosperity of our community, our state, and strategic benefits for the nation at large. The Chamber asks our federal delegation to continue its support of the University of Oklahoma and its cutting-edge research endeavors.

The Norman business community shares the goals and mission of the University in relation to weather radar innovation, surface transportation infrastructure research, and research to advance the understanding of the Earth's natural exchanges of carbon. This research has a direct benefit not only to job growth in Norman and all of Oklahoma but has lasting positive implications to the welfare and safety of infrastructure that is key to the economic success of our state and nation.

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In addition, we encourage support of University of Oklahoma and Moore Norman Technology Center students through continued access to Pell Grants as they further their education and prepare to enter the workforce.

Health Care

The Norman Chamber supports improvements to health care quality, access, and affordability without imposing new mandates or taxes on business. The Chamber believes that employers drive innovation in health benefits and market-driven reforms are the best approach to reducing costs while promoting efficiency, wellness, and quality of care.

Transportation

The Norman Chamber is in favor ensuring that the Federal Contract Tower (FCT) program is maintained and improved. Implementing positive contract tower reform over the next five years is of great importance to FCT's around the United States. The Chamber encourages sustaining and improving the Airport Improvement Program (AIP)

The Norman Chamber supports the city of Norman and their regional partnership to develop passenger rail in central Oklahoma.