



2017 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

The Kilgore Chamber of Commerce serves as the Voice of Business for businesses located in Kilgore, Texas and surrounding communities. The Chamber represents our business members' voice by addressing and adoption of support or opposition on key legislative priorities that is believed to affect economic growth in the Kilgore area.

The Kilgore Chamber is committed to supporting and assisting in building a strong economic partnership with the business community and business leaders through the continuance of positive and enhanced quality of life, business growth through the attraction of new business and residents and enhancement of workforce development and training. The Kilgore Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda reflects our business partners and members priorities for the future.

EDUCATION

- *Support* repeal or revamp of A-F Accountability System
- *Oppose* implementation of A-F Accountability System as currently contemplated

LOCAL CONTROL

- *Support* legislation that enhances local control over services that local entities are financially responsible for
- *Oppose* unfunded mandates that would negatively impact—directly or indirectly—Kilgore's economy or residents

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- *Support* continuation of the Economic Development Tax in its present form
- *Oppose* legislation that directs these tax dollars for uses already supported by other taxes
- *Support* policies and legislation that enhances the East Texas workforce through coordinated efforts amongst local school districts, Kilgore College, and industry

INFRASTRUCTURE

- *Support* efforts to promote increased local access to water in East Texas
- *Oppose* efforts to move water from East Texas to other areas of the state