

## WORKFORCE & EDUCATION PRIORITIES

- Support **A Stronger Workforce for America Act of 2026** (ASWA) to reauthorize the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to ensure continued federal investment in a locally driven, employer-led workforce system that strengthens American workers' skills and enhances business innovation and productivity.
- Support sufficient funding to preserve the Pell Grant Program while ensuring the Pell Grant is tax-free and accessible for students.
- Support legislation that expands access to apprenticeships and incentivizes employer participation to strengthen workforce pipelines, address talent shortages, and connect more Americans to high-quality career pathways.
- Support federal funding for postsecondary education research grants and opportunities.

## INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

- Support the **Whitney Lake Water Reallocation Study** as a cost-effective and timely solution to secure long-term water supplies for rapidly growing Central Texas communities and industries to sustain regional economic growth.
- Support legislation and funding to facilitate water reuse and conservation projects that will help meet our area industries' water needs and conserve valuable water resources now and for the future including federal funding for the City of Waco's **Flat Creek Re-Use Project, Barron's Branch 5th Street Culvert Project** and **Purple Pipe Irrigation Project**.
- Support efforts to protect the Lake Waco watershed by securing federal funding for the City of Waco's comprehensive **Lake Waco Watershed Protection Program** to preserve water quality and storage capacity critical to the region.
- Support federal regulatory and permitting reform that would streamline water, energy, transportation, and other infrastructure permitting projects to provide the needed predictability for efficient, timely projects.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- Support free and fair international trade policies that reduce trade barriers, protect U.S. intellectual property, eliminate unfair practices, and maximize the use of Foreign Trade Zones.
- Support solutions and funding to increase access and expand the affordable housing supply.
- Support legislation that promotes the impact and role of community banks in providing access to capital and supporting small businesses without burdensome regulations.
- Support programs that assist small businesses and entrepreneurs by improving access to capital, fostering community development and promoting innovation including:
  - Economic Development Agency
  - Community Development Block Grant
  - SBA 504, 7(a) and STEP Programs
- Support the reauthorization and modernization of the Farm Bill through passage of **H.R. 7567 The Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026**, to strengthen economic development and expand opportunity for communities, businesses, and the workforce.

## BUSINESS CLIMATE PRIORITIES

- Support policies that reduce long-term debt – with attention to the debt to GDP ratio – to achieve long-term fiscal stability, curb inflation and promote economic growth.
- Support **S. 495/H.R. 1163, the PROVE It Act**, to reduce burdensome regulations on small businesses providing them with a stronger voice and greater transparency in the federal rule-making process.
- Support pro-business environmental and labor laws that keep costs low for employers, prevent regulatory uncertainty by providing the needed clarity and promote job growth and innovation.