

### Origin vs Destination Based Sales Taxes

The KCK Chamber **supports** origin-based sales tax for intrastate purchases so that it does not place an onerous burden on business, specifically small businesses that have less ability to administer compliance.

### Transportation

The KCK Chamber **supports** the continued funding of the Kansas T-Works comprehensive transportation program. We oppose any further use of these funds to balance the State's general fund budget. Any reduction in T-Works funding would jeopardize existing programs. The KCK Chamber supports the completion of all T-Works projects.

### Tourism

Tourism is a key economic driver for the Kansas City Kansas region. The KCK Chamber **supports** efforts that will continue further development in Wyandotte County and the State. The KCK Chamber **urges** the State of Kansas to secure adequate funding for Kansas, Wildlife, Parks and Tourism in order to continue to promote and advance tourism as economic development in Kansas.

### University of Kansas Medical Center (School)

The KCK Chamber recognizes the unique and vital role played by the University of Kansas Medical Center as an academic center and **strongly supports** efforts to create and promote the region as a nationally recognized medical education institution. The KCK Chamber **supports actions and efforts** which will restore funding, and increase the presence and impact in Wyandotte County.

### University of Kansas Hospital

The KCK Chamber **supports** KU Hospital staying as the state owned hospital and a public authority.

### Amateur Athletics Ticket Sales Tax

The KCK Chamber **supports** amateur athletics events in Kansas and supports any measures taken to eliminate sales tax on not-for-profit events that can negatively impact organizations such as the NCAA, NAIA, and U.S. Soccer from hosting championship caliber events in Kansas.

### FEDERAL ★★

### Energy and Environmental Mandates

The KCK Chamber **opposes** federal and state mandates which regulate the operations of municipal electric, water, solid waste, storm water, telecommunications and broadband utility services. Any mandates imposed on cities should come with adequate funding to address the mandate.

### Fort Leavenworth

The KCK Chamber **supports** a strong, vibrant military base at nearby Fort Leavenworth and will work in support of local, state and federal officials to further policies and support which enhance the operations at Fort Leavenworth.

The KCK Chamber **opposes** federal and state mandates which would result in excessive utility rate increases [beyond historic rate increase levels] that would be deemed burdensome to residents of KCK or place KCK at a competitive disadvantage in recruiting or retaining business.

### Immigration Reform

The KCK Chamber **supports and encourages** federal resolution to immigration reform. Said federal resolution should compassionately address situations of individuals currently in the country. The KCK Chamber opposes increasing penalties or threatening the business licenses of employers who have unintentionally hired illegal workers.

### Marketplace Fairness Act

The KCK Chamber **supports** the collection of sales and use taxes on e-commerce sales in which sales taxes are collected in such a way that does not place an unreasonable or onerous compliance burden on business, specifically small businesses that have less ability to administer compliance. We believe that such a taxation system must be Origin based versus Destination based, and recommend a model similar to the Online Sales Simplification Act (OSSA).

The Chamber **strongly opposes** both the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA) and the Remote Transactions Parity Act (RTPA) because their Destination based model places an unreasonable and onerous burden on business, specifically small businesses that have less ability to administer compliance.

### National Institutes of Health (NIH)

The KCK Chamber **supports** an increase in funding to the NIH that will be used to find the cause of, cures to, and prevention of diseases that impact many Wyandotte County residents, and millions of Americans. These diseases also add billions to the cost of the healthcare system in America.



# 2018 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

## WyCo Wins

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## LOCAL 🌟🌟🌟

### Buy Local

The KCK Chamber **supports** an aggressive effort - including increased education, public awareness and potential future legislation designed to provide local school districts, state universities and other publicly funded governmental entities the latitude necessary to direct their purchases to Kansas City Metropolitan Area based vendors when there is minimal difference in price, relative to an out of area vendor. This multi-year effort of directing tax dollars back to Kansas City Metropolitan Area based businesses is a pro-growth policy that will result in a stronger economy and more and better job opportunities for our citizens.

### Property Appraisal and Valuation

The KCK Chamber **supports** a property appraisal process that provides the business community with a high level of certainty and consistency.

### STAR Bond Revenue

The KCK Chamber **supports** a fair and comprehensive distribution of STAR Bond revenue in such a way that provides for the best long-term benefit to the community, and advances KCK as a positive place to live and conduct business.

The KCK Chamber **strongly supports** a local government process that includes the KCK business community in public discussions on how the STAR Bond revenue distribution should be advanced.

## STATE 🌟🌟🌟

### Payday Lending / Usury Reform

The KCK Chamber **supports** payday lending reform that ensures clarity of loan terms to the consumer. This would include simple and easy to understand language on interest rate, pay-off total, and any additional fees. The Chamber **supports** legislation that would ensure a loan pay-off process that is simple, timely and easy to understand for all consumers. The

Chamber **supports** adopting standards of disclosure and pay-off that meet or exceed those of the Community Financial Services Association (CFSA).

### STAR Bond Revenue

The KCK Chamber **supports** a reauthorization of STAR Bond legislation.

### Urban Opportunity Zone

The KCK Chamber **supports** the creation of urban opportunity zones (UOZ) as a tool to rebuild and revitalize urban neighborhoods.

### Abandoned Structures

The KCK Chamber supports legislation which streamlines and expedites the process for local governments and neighborhood organizations to deal with the growing blight of abandoned, nuisance and foreclosed housing and commercial dwellings.

### Children's Initiative Fund (CIF)

The KCK Chamber **urges** the Kansas Legislature to maintain the current funding source in place for Kansas Children's CIF programs.

The KCK Chamber **opposes** any plans to securitize the Master Tobacco Tax funding source, leaving crucial Children's programs without dedicated and consistent funding. Kansas Business leaders know that CIF is key to our economic growth and sustainability. The CIF provides investments in our state's childhood programs that promote family stability and the healthy development of children. The CIF represents a history of the Kansas Legislature making the connection between early childhood investment and the future prosperity of our state.

### Gaming

The KCK Chamber **opposes** changing provisions in the expanded gaming statute that would negatively impact current gaming operations.

### Healthcare

The KCK Chamber **urges** policymakers to develop a Kansas specific health care plan to address health insurance coverage for low-income Kansans, many of whom are part of the workforce. This plan should leverage additional federal dollars (such as expanding the current KanCare program) and include a stable funding mechanism so as to avoid negative impact on the state budget. This will

have the benefit of reducing the burden on local government, growing a healthy workforce, strengthening economic viability of Kansas communities and stabilizing the financial health of hospitals in Wyandotte County, and throughout the state. The KCK Chamber further **supports** preserved funding for the State's safety net clinics.

### Public Education

The KCK Chamber **urges** the Kansas Legislature to create a new funding formula that considers and accommodates for the cost variables that exist in providing a high-quality education to every child across Kansas. The Chamber requests that the Kansas Legislature ensure that all children have the opportunity to attend well-funded, successful public schools regardless where they live, and that Kansas schools are funded at a level, and in a way, which places the education of students as paramount in order to ensure a well-educated and career-ready workforce. The KCK Chamber supports rigorous standards for student achievement maintaining local responsibility for curriculum development.

The KCK Chamber also **supports** a fair formula that accommodates and includes cost variables for community colleges, to ensure a quality educational pipeline that creates a career-ready workforce for the benefit of all Kansans. Money should not be taken from other two-year colleges to support merged institutions. In cases where a two-year college merges or "affiliates" with a state university, the combined institutions should not receive additional two-year funding.

The KCK Chamber **opposes** a funding formula that would place an undue burden on local property taxes.

### Regulation

The KCK Chamber **opposes** mandated functions, activities, or regulations across all units of government that do not include the appropriate financial resources to carry out those mandates.

### Taxes

The KCK Chamber **opposes** any increase to the state sales tax rate past its current rate.

The KCK Chamber **supports** lowering the food sales tax rate to an acceptable level which does not place an undue burden upon the citizens of the state of Kansas.