



2025 Public Policy Agenda

The Moore County Chamber of Commerce advocates for legislative action that enhances quality of life by fostering a thriving business environment at the county, regional, and state levels. The Chamber's 2025 Public Policy Agenda focuses on four key areas—Education & Talent Supply, a Competitive Business Climate, Healthcare, and Infrastructure—to drive economic growth and improve the well-being of all residents.

Education and Talent Supply

The County's continued competitiveness relies on our ability to sustain and grow a diverse, highly skilled workforce. This workforce must possess a combination of technical expertise, soft skills, and adaptability to support job growth. To cultivate this skilled and flexible workforce, we:

- Support sustainable early childhood education policies and innovations that address workforce challenges for the business community.
- Advocate for defining, standardizing, and incentivizing non-degree workforce credentials that align with in-demand jobs and enhance student engagement.
- Promote high-impact programs such as pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, job shadowing, and career and technical education that connect students with postsecondary and career opportunities.
- Develop strategies that align our community college and K-12 schools with current and future industry needs.
- Support assessment efforts, programs, and policies that strengthen and enrich the emerging talent pipeline.
- Advocate for a diverse and inclusive talent supply, including opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals and those with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Support workforce solutions that help transitioning military personnel integrate into North Carolina's workforce.
- Recognize achievements in Career and Technical Education (CTE) credentialing to help businesses understand its impact on talent development.
- Advocate for policy reforms and initiatives, including Propel NC, that support a strong and sustainable workforce.



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Healthcare

It is vital to our business community to have access to high quality specialty health care that is affordable. Support of our health care sector's interests and initiatives will ensure that Moore County is an attractive location for our current business community and for businesses looking to relocate. Therefore, we:

- Advocate to continue implementing the Healthcare Access and Stabilization Program (HASP) to ensure the state's vulnerable population receives needed care without new General Fund requirements. These federal resources lift Medicaid payment rates closer to the cost of providing care, at no cost to the state, improving access to care, enhances quality care and aids safety-net hospitals in North Carolina.
- Support the current Certificate of Need law that protects counties with a population of less than 125k from changes regarding ambulatory surgical centers and MRI services. This statute safeguards the most vulnerable health care institutions and communities.
- Support protecting patients' rights for telehealth coverage and expansion of broadband access to bring healthcare to every community.
- Support creating access to Association Health Care Plans.
- Advocate for encouraging public-private activation to achieve goals identified in our local community health needs assessment.
- Support comprehensive solutions addressing the healthcare workforce pipeline, from preparing tomorrow's healthcare leaders through world-class education programs to bolster the resilience of today's healthcare workforce so they can continue to provide high-quality patient care.
- Encourage efforts to address the behavioral health crisis in our state and the increased burden on hospital emergency departments.
- Support efforts to address violence against health care workers from patients and the public.



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Competitive Business Climate

A favorable business climate enables the County to attract and provide opportunity for all. To support our recruitment and retention efforts, we:

- Support expanding site development readiness throughout the County.
- Advocate for policies and projects that create local jobs and increase the formation, retention, and relocation of businesses in the County.
- Promote continued competitiveness, equity, efficiency, simplicity, and certainty in tax policies.
- Encourage local government public policy choices that support jobs, existing business, and prospective investment.
- Support economic development support based on census block level data so economically distressed areas in prosperous counties are eligible for support.
- Advance agriculture policy priorities and legislation that protects and promotes North Carolina's agribusiness.
- Support sustainable early childhood education policy reforms and innovations that address the growing workforce challenges of the business community.

Infrastructure

As the population in our County continues to increase, investment in our infrastructure is a necessity to both ensure our ability to compete in a global economy and maintain a high quality of life. Therefore, we:

- Support identifying and addressing water & wastewater infrastructure needs for long-term resiliency and sustainability.
- Advocate for modernizing the energy grid and keeping energy prices as affordable as possible
- Support continuing to invest in affordable and accessible broadband, high-speed fiber and digital information infrastructure.
- Prioritize initiatives that create a modernized transportation funding structure and strategic investments for congestion relief and mobility options.
- Advocate for a modernized transportation funding structure, including increasing overall revenue, to keep our residents and visitors safe, improve our quality of life, and meet the demands of an increasingly competitive business environment.
- Work to address challenges to housing availability to improve opportunities for the workforce.