

Hendersonville Area Chamber of Commerce
GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES- Revised October, 2009

Beautification: We support a beautification program that emphasizes free enterprise to encourage a cleaner environment. We also support strict enforcement of anti-litter laws, regulations and policies and encourage efforts to improve community appearance through attractive signage, landscaping and building facades.

Economic Development: We support legislation and policies that promote a positive environment for successful economic development.

Education: The Chamber recognizes the importance of education for workforce development and the well-being of our community, and we actively support and will promote quality education in Hendersonville and Sumner County.

Energy: We support free market regulation of energy costs and oppose rationing or allocation except in a national emergency. We support national efforts for energy independence and local efforts to support green business.

Environmental Policy: We support the adoption of reasonable standards to protect the environment and foster business and industrial growth.

Get Out The Vote: We encourage all our members to become involved with and participate in, the voting process, and also encourage business leaders to inform their employees about the issues and candidates.

Local Control: The Chamber strongly supports the concept of local control, and believes all branches of state government should focus its efforts on issues with statewide implications. We oppose passage of unfunded mandates.

Minimum Wage: We oppose State or Local minimum wage laws which exceed the Federal minimum wage laws.

Right To Work: We strongly support the individual's right to work in an unrestricted manner. We also support Section 14(B) of the Taft-Hartley Law, and oppose any effort to undermine Tennessee status as a Right to Work state.

Taxation: We oppose narrow business taxes which impose excessive burdens on specific industries. If there is conclusive evidence of the need for additional taxes, we urge the state to consider broad-based taxes paid by all facets of the economy - business and individuals. We support keeping Tennessee a low tax state.

Transportation: We recognize that efficient transportation is a vital part of our community and support efforts to improve our transportation infrastructure.