



## 2010 Business Agenda

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The Virginia Chamber supports continued development and implementation of a disciplined, but competitive, economic incentive package that increases Virginia's competitiveness in the marketplace, while assuring a positive rate of return for the taxpayer.

### **EDUCATION**

The Virginia Chamber supports efforts to maintain adequate funding for existing public education responsibilities in Virginia.

The Virginia Chamber supports efforts to make higher education more affordable and accessible.

### **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

The Virginia Chamber opposes greenhouse gas legislation that is inconsistent with renewed economic growth and prosperity and that is not matched by emission reductions in other countries.

The Virginia Chamber supports efforts to encourage continued progress in the exploration and development of offshore energy.

### **EMPLOYMENT LAW**

The Virginia Chamber opposes efforts to extend collective bargaining rights to state and local public sector employees.

### **HEALTHCARE**

The Virginia Chamber supports responsible, market-based efforts to make healthcare more available and affordable.

The Virginia Chamber supports continued evaluation of a small business health insurance risk pool concept, among other approaches, that would improve on the possibility of small companies providing health insurance benefits to their employees.

### **LAND USE & DEVELOPMENT**

The Virginia Chamber opposes taxes, mandates and regulations on the development and building community that would drive up the cost of commercial and industrial floor space for Virginia businesses and the cost of housing for Virginia's families.

### **TRANSPORTATION**

The Virginia Chamber supports passage of a long-term, sustainable source of revenue for transportation infrastructure improvements.