

# Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce Legislative Agenda for 2010

Each year the Burlington/West Burlington Area Chamber of Commerce approves a set of legislative position statements containing both state and federal issues. These legislative position statements are approved by the Board of Directors following a survey of membership and subsequent recommendations from the Government Affairs Committee of the Chamber.

Here is a sampling of the 2010 legislative positions:

- Businesses want to locate and do business in states that are well managed and in sound fiscal condition. Business seeks stability. It is imperative that the State of Iowa operate within a balanced budget and limit the size and growth of government.
- From a competitive standpoint for both new business attraction and existing business expansion it is imperative that Iowa retain its Right to Work status.
- Commercial and industrial property taxes in Iowa are no longer competitive. The legislature must address this issue.
- The Vision Iowa Program and the Community Attraction and Tourism program have made significant enhancements to many Iowa communities. It is important that Iowa continue to fund these programs.
- The Chamber urges our state representatives to do everything possible to assist in the completion of the Highway 61 to four lane highway. It is critical that elements of the corridor be in the annual Department of Transportation plan until its completion.
- The Chamber supports development at the federal level of a flood control plan that will protect and promote the economic vitality of the upper Mississippi river valley.
- The Chamber of Commerce is against the adoption of the federal Employee Free Choice Act legislation. Secret ballot union elections are central to a democratic process.

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