

2023 Legislative Priorities

Transportation & Infrastructure

The NRCC supports both traditional and innovative ways to fund all modes of transportation, taking full advantage of all federal opportunities presented by the infrastructure bill.

Economic/Workforce Development

The NRCC supports state and local economic development incentives, job creation incentives, liveable & competitive wages for workers, and programs that benefit both our region and our local business community.

The NRCC supports policies that lead to greater investments in workforce development through education, certified apprenticeship programs, training, transportation, and ensuring affordable and successful childcare for these workers. The NRCC supports policies that would provide incentives for STEM graduates and those pursuing professional trade skill training.

The NRCC supports collaboration with City of KCMO, Kansas City Aviation Department, business partners, STL Airport and MoDED to develop a funding source available to MCI and STL airports to incentivize International Air Service.

The NRCC opposes discriminatory legislation, which would detrimentally impact economic development businesses, and Missouri's ability to attract sporting events such as the FIFA World Cup, the NFL Draft and conventions. The NRCC supports legislation like the Missouri Non-Discrimination Act to create a more equitable Missouri.

The NRCC supports clean, reliable, economical, balanced and safe energy policies.

The NRCC supports the Kansas City Consensus Agenda on Economic Development.

Business Growth & Retention

The NRCC opposes any legislation that disincentivizes business growth and retention.

The NRCC supports local decision making for both incentive programs and taxes levied at the local level, as well as continued state funding for assets in the northland region which provide economic benefit to the state of Missouri. The NRCC supports the creation or modification of economic development tools which help Missouri's competitiveness. This includes retaining Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and also revising the state's Historic Tax Credit scoring formula, which currently disadvantages the northland region.

Education

The NRCC supports full funding for education as prescribed in the Missouri Funding Formula as well as full funding of the state School Transportation Formula.

The NRCC supports accountable public school education systems, early childhood education, area school boards and their right to local control. The NRCC opposes efforts to divert state or federal funds meant for public schools. The NRCC recognizes the strong link between quality public education and a diverse, world class workforce.

Healthcare

The NRCC supports overall comprehensive healthcare that offers value, and is accessible for Missourians and Missouri businesses.

Video Lottery Terminals

To maintain the constitutional protections approved by the voters of the State of Missouri, the NRCC opposes the passage of any legislation that, without a statewide vote of the people, permits the placement of slot machines anywhere outside of state licensed casinos. The Northland Chamber supports the legalization of casino sports gaming to prevent further educational, state and local revenue losses for the State of Missouri.