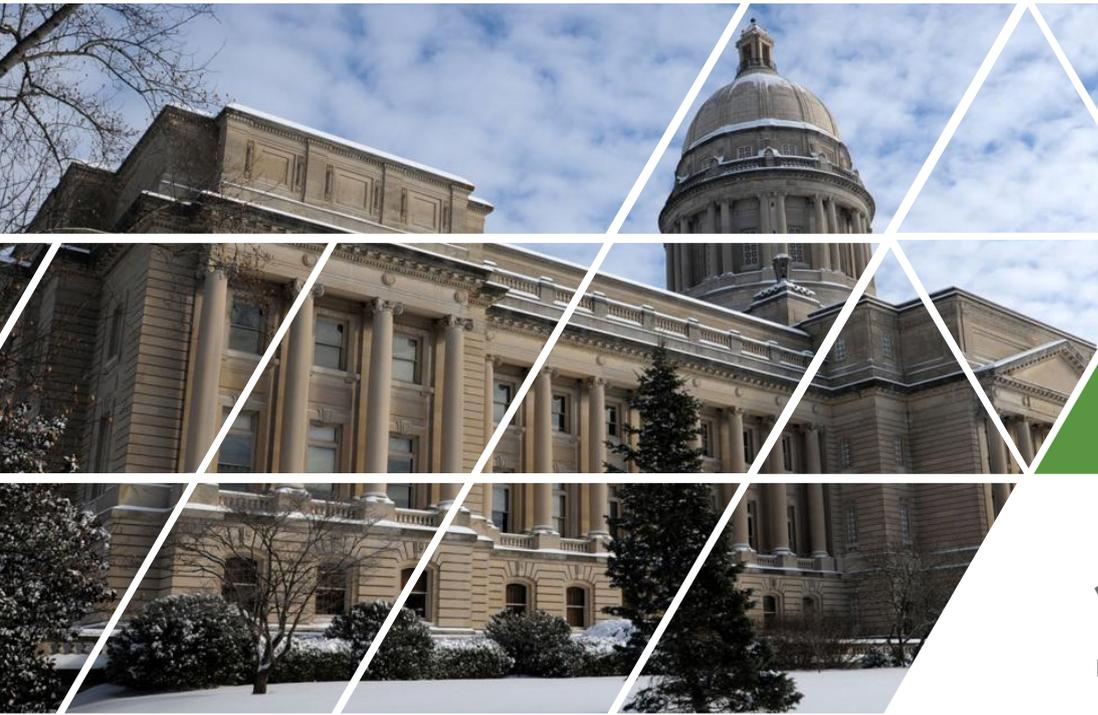




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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

KAM supports the largest GDP sector in Kentucky, advocating for manufacturers and their suppliers at the state and national level. Meeting the needs of Kentucky's manufacturers is our priority, and we must create and protect the legal and regulatory environment that fosters competitiveness, job growth and meaningful employment by supporting business-friendly policies in the following areas:

Keeping Kentucky Competitive

- Modernizing Kentucky's tax structure without placing additional undue burdens on job creators
- Reexamining the state's current gasoline tax to help fund critical infrastructure needs, while keeping the current indexing system and ensuring an escalator is not utilized for future calculations
- Restructuring Kentucky's unemployment insurance to better align with competing states
- Ensure state investment to encourage manufacturers to locate and expand in Kentucky, including funding the Work Ready and Dual Credit Scholarship programs

Workforce and Education

- Promoting workforce training programs and partnerships that better equip Kentuckians to have successful lifelong careers within the state
- Developing and funding effective treatments and realistic workforce reentry strategies for people recovering from substance abuse
- Reforming Kentucky's criminal justice system and civil liability laws to assist released offenders in reentering the workforce
- Funding Kentucky's higher education institutions which provide critical skills and affordable education for all Kentuckians

Energy and Environment

- Supporting realistic policies and regulations necessary to protect the environment, subject to cost/benefits analyses to ensure political interests and the pursuit of diminishing returns does not result in Kentucky manufacturers bearing undue burdens and being placed at a competitive disadvantage

Special COVID-19 Considerations

The COVID-19 pandemic has reshaped the manufacturing landscape and led to uncharted territory for businesses. Special considerations must be made for manufacturers pertaining to COVID-19, specifically:

- COVID-19-specific legal liability policies
- Unemployment insurance reforms
- PPE manufacturing considerations, including tax relief, regulations, incentives, and more



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