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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. As we move forward in recovering from the pandemic, Kentucky 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
- Ensuring economic development and essential infrastructure funding is included in the FY23-24 State Budget
- Preserving businesses' rights throughout the Commonwealth

## Workforce and Education

- Identifying and creating opportunities to assist Kentucky employees with childcare and early childhood 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
- Funding Kentucky's higher education institutions which provide critical skills and affordable education for all Kentuckians

## **Energy and Environment**

- Supporting policies and programs that protect the environment while measuring those against vigorous cost/benefits analysis to ensure Kentucky manufacturers do not bear undue burdens and create a competitive disadvantage
- Creating opportunities for manufacturers to reduce, reuse and recycle products and byproducts in an affordable and reasonable manner



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