



TERRE HAUTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2019 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

We're just getting started. The following topics have been identified by the West Central Indiana business community as being critical to their growth and success. In 2019, you will hear from us on these subjects, and many more as we push to move the needle on success in our region.

Areas of Focus:

- Quality of Place
- Education and Workforce
- Economic and Community Development

Federal Priorities:

- **Transportation** - Ensure state agenda priorities are fully-funded to help create the maximum opportunities for advancement of local priority projects. In addition, continue to push for projects that advance our economy and create safer transportation options.
- **Prison Development** - Continue to reinforce the message that as the federal government looks for new prison development, Terre Haute stands shovel-ready for new growth.
- **Drug Abuse** - Support federal and state initiatives that help advance efforts to curb addiction in the region and help build a solid workforce and healthy community.

State Priorities:

- **Transportation Funding** - Continue to support state strategies to upgrade and develop infrastructure for roadways and bridges that impact West Central Indiana, specifically improvements along the I-70 corridor.
- **Casino Tax Revenue** - Support legislation that would open new opportunities for casino tax revenue in Terre Haute and Vigo County.
- **Regional Funding** - Through the West Central 2025 initiative, advocate for regional collaboration that aligns economic development agendas and serves as a collective voice for regional projects.

Local Priorities:

- **Community Planning** - Lead efforts to create a cohesive and comprehensive community planning effort that establishes priorities, acknowledges current areas of momentum and capitalizes on opportunities.
- **Defense Development** - Through West Central Indiana Defense Network, serve as the advocacy group for the defense industry by enhancing awareness and building industry relationships.
- **Rural Development** - Through West Central 2025 initiative, identify and align regional goals and create opportunities for development in the areas of broadband connectivity, and other quality-of-life initiatives.

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