



## **PUBLIC POLICY STATEMENTS 2025**

### **Local**

- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports Georgia Northwestern Technical College, Dalton State College, and Catoosa County Public Schools in programs and initiatives such as Apprenticeships, Dual Enrollment, and the From HERE to CAREER Academy to train a skilled workforce for the region's current and future employers.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports Catoosa County Public Schools Georgia Charter System initiative to provide career exploration and awareness activities in grades kindergarten through twelfth.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports the Catoosa County Public Schools Education Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (ESPLOST) referendum to maintain safe and secure schools, 21st Century Technology, and Facility Equitability across attendance zones. ESPLOST VII will provide funds for capital outlay expenditures, including Phase II of Boynton Elementary School, HVAC, painting, roofs, one-to-one technology for every student, playground equipment for elementary schools, athletic facilities in secondary schools, updated classroom technology, updated curricula, and major maintenance expenditures.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports regional partnerships between local governments, the business community, K-12 and post-secondary education partners, philanthropic organizations, and the public for the purpose of fostering economic growth and development.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports partnerships with Ringgold, Fort Oglethorpe, and Catoosa County to increase tourism.

### **State**

- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports Catoosa County Public Schools in requesting the General Assembly to align legislative initiatives with state constitutional provisions regarding the control, management, and funding of public schools.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports state-led proposals to ensure the viability of our healthcare system and increase access to care for more Georgians.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports legislation to modernize Georgia's healthcare liability laws, which increase healthcare costs and limit access to patient care.

### **Federal**

- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports a bi-partisan solution to immigration reform.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports comprehensive reform to America's tax system that will foster economic growth, leading to the creation of jobs.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports a modern, balanced and transparent regulatory system that will give businesses the confidence to hire, invest and innovate.
- The Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce supports healthcare initiatives and reform equitable to all citizens.