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STATE

transportation system; a partnership with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation may be beneficial.

- »» Maximize private donations by supporting a state bond issue for capital investment in cultural, historical and entertainment venues in the Tulsa region.
- »» Reinstate the aerospace and other effective tax incentives. Protect effective tax credits and eliminate ineffective tax credits through a process of annual review.
- »» Support policies that encourage energy development in a regulatory environment that creates more business certainty, promotes job creation and encourages economic growth for all domestic energy sources.

LOCAL

- »» Support the Interstate (or Numerical) Designation of Creek Turnpike.
- »» Support an additional interchange access on the Muskogee Turnpike and the Creek Turnpike to promote growth.
- »» Support the widening of overpass bridges on Muskogee Turnpike to enable development growth.
- »» Support the adoption of ordinances, codes and zoning that promote entertainment zones.

STATE

- »» Support a Provider Fee or other options to maximize federal opportunities for Medicaid, to achieve the Upper Payment Limit (UPL) for hospitals and to provide durable, consistent and predictable funding for Medicaid and indigent care providers.
- »» Support legislation allowing municipalities to diversify their sources of revenues to fund essential local government operations.
- »» Oppose cuts to education funding and oppose further reductions in the cap on annual property tax valuations.
- »» Support currently unavailable specialty care services to the uninsured through new funding of \$7 million annually to OU'S Tisdale Specialty Health Center and \$2 million annually to the OSU Center for Health Sciences to provide an additional primary care treatment and referral system to support north Tulsa's uninsured and the specialty care clinic.
- »» Support investment in a project or "deal closing" fund to attract, grow and retain businesses in Oklahoma. Without a "deal closing" fund, Oklahoma lacks a competitive advantage and continues to lose business to Texas, Arkansas, and other states.
- »» Defend all existing road funding; prevent any diversion of monies; and support increased funding for transportation by developing an adequate, comprehensive funding strategy to broaden the sources of funds and increase the total amount going to transportation statewide.
- »» Support the building of the Gilcrease Expressway and Bridge through any funding mechanism available in order to expedite this long overdue

FEDERAL

- »» Support Senator Inhofe's request for \$50 million for the Arkansas River corridor to match local, state and private funding for river infrastructure.
- »» Attain approval of the Provider Fee program which provides new State funds to be matched with Federal funds to stabilize Medicaid enrollment, benefit and reimbursement efforts.
- »» Support timely reauthorization of the federal surface transportation programs including measures to permanently and adequately fund the Highway Trust Fund as well as efforts to end Oklahoma's status as a donor state. Include funding for regional high priority projects: reconstruction of the I-244 bridge over the Arkansas River, reconstruction of I-244, widening of I-44 east to the Will Rogers Turnpike and expansion to 6 lanes of US 169 north to SH 20, and 4-land Port Road from Hwy 11 to the Port of Catoosa.
- »» Support and fully fund the medical home model for primary healthcare as provided by the Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (like Morton and Community Health Connection); support residency training at the FQHC's (Teaching Health Centers Program) and National Health Service Corps Expansion to cover medical school loan payback through FQHC service.
- »» Ensure that graduate medical education continues to receive federal funding.
- »» Oppose cap and trade legislation, a carbon tax, or similar "carbon" legislation that leads to higher energy costs for businesses and results in private sector job losses.
- »» Support comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level. Support measures to secure borders, establish reasonable and efficient visa policies and procedures, and comprehensive reform that recognizes the need for essential workers so the U.S. can continue to attract the best and brightest talent from around the world.
- »» Support the adoption of a more reasonable time frame for the implementation of the new more stringent ozone emission standard.
- »» Support development of an intermodal transportation system, including streets, transit, express buses, ports, airports, and rail.
- »» Support the right of workers to voluntarily join unions under fair and democratic rules. Oppose initiatives that would upset the balance of the National Labor Relations Act, including union-backed proposals to abolish secret ballot elections in favor of card check majorities for union recognition. (Employee Free Choice Act, EFCA, or "card check").