

# **Idaho Chamber Alliance 2012 Legislative Agenda**

## **1. Reduce Tax Burden on Businesses**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports policy to reduce the business income tax rate, increase business investment tax credit and create new lower income tax categories for sole proprietor businesses.

### **1a. Jobs Creation**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports legislation that provides incentives to private employers to hire new workers and create jobs.

### **1b. Personal Property Tax and Commercially Related Property Tax**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports the elimination of the Personal Property Tax and a new category of business property defined as commercially related property.

## **2. Health Insurance Exchanges**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports policy to establish a system that will provide access to more affordable healthcare insurance coverage for employers and employees.

## **3. Urban Renewal**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports protecting urban renewal districts so it can be used as the major tool local governments have for encouraging the creation of private sector jobs and improving areas that need to be revitalized within a community.

## **4. Sales Tax Reporting by County**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance advocates for the true reporting of where sales are made in Idaho by having all such sales reported by the Idaho State Tax Commission on a county by county basis.

## **5. Workforce Development in Community Colleges and Professional/Technical Education**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance advocates for sustained and equitable funding for our state's community college system, and recognizes the continued need to increased Professional/Technical Education (PTE) funding to supply our state's businesses with the employees they desperately need.

## **6. Transportation**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance recognizes a significant need to expand and improve the state's road infrastructure network to support effective delivery of goods and the safety of the public. The Alliance supports utilizing existing GARVEE spending authority for bridges.

## **7. Internet Sales Tax Collections**

*Position:* Idaho business firms are being treated unfairly and the General Fund is being adversely affected each year because of millions of dollars in sales taxes are not collected on Internet sales transactions. The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports efforts to collect Internet sales taxes.

## **8. Local Option Sales Tax**

*Position:* The Idaho Chamber Alliance supports local option sales tax authority for Idaho cities and counties allowing local citizens a voice in generating revenue for economic development and community needs.