

GOOD FOR BUSINESS CHECKLIST

A Common-Sense Approach to Lawmaking

When you're looking at a bill that affects businesses, run it through this list:

- ✓ **Does the bill help businesses do what they do best—make goods and provide services that people want and need?** If it unnecessarily slows down business operations, think twice.
- ✓ **Does the bill respect business owners and investors who put their money on the line?** If the people who run, operate, and/or own the business are undermined by the bill, that's a problem.
- ✓ **Does the bill keep politics out of the workplace or does it push a political agenda?** Businesses shouldn't be turned into billboards for political agendas.
- ✓ **Does the bill cut unnecessary red tape—or add more of it?** Good laws bring clarity and simplify regulations. Bad laws pile on unnecessary paperwork and confusion.
- ✓ **Does the bill protect freedom—speech, religion, and conscience—for everyone involved or does it try to impose a certain viewpoint on everyone?** No one should be punished or lose their job or contract because of what they believe.
- ✓ **Does the bill support jobs, paychecks, and economic growth in our own state?** If the bill sends jobs out of state or overseas, it's not good for business.
- ✓ **Does the bill respect the role of government without trying to run every corner of the economy?** Government sets the rules of the game—it shouldn't try to be a player too.
- ✓ **Does the bill let businesses treat people fairly without being forced into one-size-fits-all policies?** Flexibility matters—what works for a tech company in the city might not work for a farm supply shop in a small town.
- ✓ **Does the bill mean Wall Street wins and Main Street loses?** If the bill creates a burden that only big companies can handle, that drives Mom & Pop shops out of business.
- ✓ **Does the bill protect against a real threat—or just sound good in a press release?** If the bill is all politics and no purpose, it is not good for business.

