



*Iowa Association of
Business and Industry*

2018 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITY: WORKFORCE

The Iowa Association of Business and Industry has proudly served as the voice of Iowa Business since 1903. A member driven organization, ABI's 2018 legislative priority reflects the goals and challenges of business and community leaders in Iowa's 99 counties. As the organization that represents more than 330,000 working Iowans, it is fitting that ABI members have continually prioritized workforce as the number one issue for Iowa businesses. In order for Iowa to be competitive and increase the number of skilled workers, we support the following:

- Focus on public private partnerships such as Elevate Advanced Manufacturing and Home Base Iowa
- Collaborate with Future Ready Iowa on recommendations that focus on upskilling Iowa's workforce
- Encourage a competitive tax climate that will provide businesses with opportunities to invest, and allow employees to keep more of their own money in their pockets
- Streamline and modernize Iowa's laws and regulations which will allow small businesses the ability to grow and operate in a competitive, global marketplace
- Advance legislation that protects and improves the quality of our state's natural resources, while supporting business and industry growth and improving the quality of life for all Iowans

The 1,500 ABI member companies look forward to serving as a resource to you during the 2018 legislative session. We invite you to step into our Iowa businesses, see what we do, and meet who makes us successful -- our qualified, dedicated team members.