

Competitiveness Task Force

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STATEMENT

The Roundtable believes that industry, government and education play a critical role in establishing the conditions for regional economic growth. Balancing important investments in education, workforce development, transportation, housing and other areas, with fiscal responsibility, forms the foundation of the state's competitiveness in the global economy.

PRINCIPLES

The following have emerged as three guiding principles around competitiveness for this legislative session. The COVID-19 pandemic provides an opportunity for Massachusetts to:

- Re-imagine the definition of competitiveness for the Commonwealth
- Rethink the implications of public policy
- Use the innovation it sparked to create a more equitable and competitive Commonwealth

POLICY PRIORITIES

Competitiveness is central to the Roundtable's mission and is reflected across each of the Roundtable's issue areas. In addition, the following policy priorities will be a central component of the Roundtable's advocacy this legislative session. This section will continue to be updated as additional priority areas arise.

- Advocate for statewide transportation and housing strategies and other revenue sources for infrastructure investment
- Support strategies and opportunity pathways that attract and retain talent within the Commonwealth
- Identify how future of work trends are changing due to the COVID-19 pandemic and how to ensure Massachusetts remains a draw for both talent and employers
- Track and advocate for the importance of favorable regulatory environmental and permitting structures at local, state and federal levels
- Address and mitigate the high cost of living and doing business in the Commonwealth

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