



## 2010 PRIORITY AGENDA

### OUR PRIORITY: BUSINESS VITALITY FIRST

During these difficult economic times, it is imperative that all public policy considerations be directed toward maintaining or enhancing the vitality and viability of Colorado businesses – the heart of Colorado’s economy, the foundation of a sound and healthy government, and the engine for future job growth.

*Business Vitality First* creates:

- Jobs
- Revenue for Government Services
- Revenue for Education
- Revenue for Energy Solution

### FISCAL POLICY / BUDGET

#### **NCLA SUPPORTS**

- Priority budgeting
- A comprehensive study of Colorado’s tax system including constitutional reforms
- TABOR
- Phasing-out the Business Personal Property Tax
- A review and reform of the Enterprise Zone program

#### **NCLA OPPOSES**

- Increased fees to business
- Elimination of tax credits and exemptions
- Elimination/Modification of TABOR without inclusion of Amendment 23 and Gallagher

### LABOR AND WORKFORCE ISSUES

#### **NCLA SUPPORTS**

- Business friendly / job creating public policy measures which promote stability and cost effectiveness in worker’s compensation, unemployment insurance and tort reform

#### **NCLA OPPOSES**

- Shifting the existing balance between employee and employer which has economic implications

*For more details about NCLA’s priority agenda and our positions on other issues affecting the business community, please refer to NCLA’s Policy Statements at [NCLAonline.net](http://NCLAonline.net) or contact Sandra Hagen Solin at [shsolin@capitol-solutions.com](mailto:shsolin@capitol-solutions.com)*

# WORKFORCE PREPAREDNESS K-12 / HIGHER EDUCATION /

## NCLA SUPPORTS

- A high quality educational system with measurable achievement standards
- Accountability for the proper preparation of post-secondary and work-ready students
- Identification of a reliable and sufficient funding mechanism for operational and capital needs
- Tuition rate flexibility and organizational autonomy for Colorado universities and colleges

## ENERGY

### NCLA SUPPORTS

- Establishing a comprehensive national and state energy plan and strategy
- Encouraging the use and development of clean and renewable technologies
- Prudence in altering energy policy affecting traditional sources
- Market-based incentives to promote greater conservation and efficiency
- Upgrading of the electric transmission grid to accommodate new energy sources
- Market-based incentives to develop clean coal technology, hydroelectric, wind, solar, biomass, nuclear, geothermal forms of energy
- Revising the 2009 oil and gas regulations to more equally balance the interests of the environmental and the energy sector
- Development of a state energy policy that includes all energy sources

### NCLA OPPOSES

- Mandates that impose renewable generation requirements on electric generating utilities

## FEDERAL ISSUES

### EMPLOYEE FREE CHOICE ACT

- NCLA supports a balance in the employee/employer relationship
- NCLA opposes EFCA

### CAP AND TRADE

- NCLA supports reasonableness in addressing climate change
- NCLA opposes cap and trade

### HEALTH CARE REFORM

- NCLA supports market-based reforms



*NCLA is the joint public policy advocacy effort of the Fort Collins, Loveland, and Greeley Chambers of Commerce with the Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation*

