



## 88th Session Priorities

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Restaurants are critical to Texas' economy, food supply, and communities. The following priorities will help Texas' roughly 53,000 foodservice businesses rebuild after three difficult years and thrive.

### **Taxes**

We support tax policies, including property tax relief, that will fuel economic growth while maintaining important government services.

### **Government Regulation**

We advocate for a reasonable, fair, and predictable regulatory environment that balances public health and welfare with innovation and entrepreneurship.

### **Economic Growth**

Since Texas' budget surplus is largely a product of our strong economy, we believe Texas should reinvest in our economy through initiatives like tax relief; infrastructure, utility, and public safety enhancements; tourism promotion; workforce and education needs; and affordability.

### **Workforce Development**

We support efforts to strengthen the workforce pipeline and help restaurants attract and retain employees—including students, parents, veterans, immigrants, and people exiting the criminal justice system.

### **Food Ecosystem**

With over 1,000 people moving to Texas every day and nearly 4 million Texans struggling with hunger, we advocate for policies that will strengthen Texas' food ecosystem and help restaurants contribute to food security.

### **Alcohol**

We support alcohol regulations that promote safety and fair market competition.

### **Employee Wellbeing**

We support policies that will help restaurants provide benefits to their team members, including policies that improve the flexibility, availability, and affordability of health insurance. We also support proposals that will help restaurant employees access affordable childcare, housing, and other essential services.

### **Unemployment Insurance**

We support efforts to improve the unemployment insurance system; we also support additional funding to ensure all employers are held harmless from COVID-19 layoffs.

### **Access to Capital**

We support proposals that will help new and existing restaurants obtain capital and affordable credit, particularly after a disaster.

### **Unfair Litigation**

We support proposals that will protect restaurants from unfair or frivolous lawsuits and litigation costs. We also support efforts to make the judicial system more efficient.