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## Iowa Policy and Advocacy Priorities

### **Support workforce development and education:**

- Adequately fund schools
- Change the funding formula to ensure equal funding per student
- Allow for school districts to spend into their cash reserves

### **Support important economic development tools and growth opportunities:**

- Support funding for the High Quality Jobs program
- Preserve Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other incentives for local governments
- Provide sustained funding for Enhance Iowa initiatives
- Remove or raise the cap on product sales for micro-distilleries

### **Enhance transportation connections between the Quad Cities and the rest of Iowa:**

- Provide passenger rail connection to Iowa City, Des Moines, and Omaha
- Expand I-80 to six lanes from the Quad Cities to Iowa City
- Ensure funding for a new, six-lane I-80 bridge

### **Ensure funding for adequate access to behavioral health care facilities and professionals:**

- Create programs which will attract needed professionals
- Continue to fund Care Coordination Entities
- Support telemedicine by ensuring reimbursement for and integration of care

### **Fully-fund the commercial property tax cut backfill.**