

# **Pullman Chamber of Commerce**

## **Washington State Legislative Agenda**

### **COVID-19**

**COVID-19:** Support COVID-19 restriction decisions based on regional health status. Allow the county health department to have more say in the process.

**Keeping Businesses Open & Safe:** Allow businesses to safely reopen and stay open at a fiscally viable level while maintaining consumer confidence.

**Business Liability:** Provide liability protection for businesses who follow approved COVID-19 safety guidelines.

**Unemployment Insurance:** Avoid disproportionately placing the cost of refunding the unemployment insurance pool on small businesses, because of the high use and misappropriation of funds. The state should be responsible for covering the misappropriation of funds.

**Broadband:** Expand reliable broadband for our region.

### **Business Impacts**

**Low Carbon Fuel Standards & Energy Strategy:** Delay the implementation of new programs to help the recovery of our economy, which impact businesses and local governments already challenged by current financial conditions.

**Business Support:** Consider business sustainability needs on all new legislation and regulations.

### **Community**

**Community Resources:** We advocate for adequate resources for our schools, hospital, police and other first responders.

**CAP Trail:** We support rail banking as the first step toward development of the CAP (Colfax-Albion-Pullman) Trail.

**Health Care Personnel Shortages:** We advocate for solutions to improve health care personnel shortages. This includes reciprocity with other states for health care workers and a local residency program.