



The Kalispell Chamber of Commerce focuses on developing and enhancing the economic vitality of the National Valley. We are a non-partisan member-driven organization, representing 723 small businesses, large employers and nonprofits operating in the Flathead County area and 25,000+ employees. Serving as the voice of business is central to our mission, as our role as an advocate and a trusted source of information for the business community. We seek to build a business-friendly Flathead County and City of Kalispell that allows businesses to fully compete for customers and market share based on the goods and services they provide. The Kalispell Chamber's legislative strategy is to support policy proposals that fit our mission and oppose measures that detract from our goals. The Executive Committee, Board of Directors, and Government Affairs Committee use three broad criteria when determining positions on policy issues.

We strive to ensure elected officials, government staff, and other community leaders are aware of the concerns of the business community.

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**ECONOMIC GROWTH:** Promote policies that enable businesses of all sizes to thrive and grow.

**SECURITY:** Engage and listen to business stakeholders on policies that impact how employees operate.

**EDUCATION:** Collaboratively develop policies with a willingness to consider alternative paths and compromise agreements.

**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Prioritize state and federal spending based on outcomes and results to create a balanced and stable budget.

**COMMUNITY:** As a business organization we recognize our important role in growing and supporting a healthy and vibrant community.

#### **Regional Transportation - Air Service, Rail, Local Public Transportation**

We advocate for transportation systems that allow for the efficient transportation of goods and freight mobility, enabling our employees to get to work and our visitors to experience our area safely. A balanced transportation system reduces traffic congestion and increases the quality of life, availability, and efficiency of the area workforce.

We **SUPPORT** local and state governments working with the Montana Congressional delegation to ensure that Montana receives a maximized amount of federal transportation funding.