

PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

I) NC TECH Supports Job Creation

- Supports a State tax structure that incentivizes NC job creation, and opposes State taxes that discourage technology job creation
- Supports policies to encourage entrepreneurship, such as initiatives encouraging company formation and growth, and the SBIR/STTR funding match
- ✓ Supports targeted, performance-based economic incentives for both existing and new businesses
- ✓ Supports laws and policies creating a robust business climate
- ✓ Supports North Carolina's military presence and defense and security related jobs

II) NC TECH Supports Educational Excellence

- Supports improving student performance and graduation rates through the use of technology and digital content in providing a 21st Century learning experience
- Supports increased emphasis on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) in education at all levels, including providing computer science instruction in public schools
- Supports statewide access to high-speed broadband Internet for all students and technology and devices that promote student success
- ✓ Supports investment of resources in higher education to educate and train a highly skilled workforce

III) NC TECH Supports Governmental Efficiency

- Supports a State government IT organizational structure, funding mechanism and procurement system to maximize effective and efficient use of technology and that incentivizes qualified vendors to do business with the State
- ✓ Supports efforts to strengthen cybersecurity and laws that effectively regulate data breaches
- Supports funding for up-to-date technology in State government to enable agencies to serve citizens efficiently and effectively

About NC TECH

The North Carolina Technology Association (NC TECH) is a not-for-profit, membership-driven industry association that is the primary voice of the State's technology sector, with over 600 member companies and organizations. For more information, please visit <u>www.nctech.org</u>.

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