



## **Federal Legislative Principles**

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### **General**

- Support legislation that maintains or enhances municipal authority to govern local services, revenue sources and economic development policies.
- Oppose unfunded mandates.

### **Defense**

- Support federal actions that protect and enhance the military value of Fort Hood.
- Support Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round to reassign resources from less efficient military bases to Fort Hood rather than applying arbitrary spending reduction cuts.
- Support funding mechanisms that bring federal funds to military installations and surrounding communities for investment in infrastructure and quality of life programs.

### **Public Safety**

- Support the continued funding of grant programs that provide full and partial federal funding for first responder staffing, equipment and programs.
- Support continuation and addition of criteria in grant formulas that recognize and give priority to the impacts of military installations on local law enforcement and emergency response operations.

### **Transportation**

- Support expansion of Interstate 14 along the Gulf Coast Strategic Highway corridor.
- Support transportation infrastructure investment in interstates and multimodal complements.
- Support aviation legislation and funding programs that benefit regional and joint-use airports.

### **Environment**

- Support legislation that would reduce or eliminate penalties imposed on local governments as a result of actions caused by individuals or businesses not working for or with the government.
- Support inclusion of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure in federal infrastructure funding legislation.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

- Support federal funding programs that provide resources to municipalities for emergency preparedness and disaster prevention and recovery.

### **Community Development**

- Support maintaining or enhancing the funding of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

### **Finance**

- Support expanding municipal financing options that benefit local infrastructure investment and economic development efforts.
- Oppose restrictions and imposition of federal taxes on municipal bonds.

### **Communication**

- Support changes to the Telecommunications Act that would allow Public Education and Government (PEG) funds to be used for government channel operational expenses.