



## MEMORANDUM

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**TO: Government Relations Council**  
**FROM: Jon Weist, VP Government Relations**  
**DATE: 8/8/2011**  
**RE: Proposed Policy: Requests for Support of Legislative Initiatives from Chamber Members**

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As you may remember, the Chamber was asked on several occasions during the just concluded state Legislative session to support resolutions on specific issues affecting specific industries or members of the Chamber. It has been difficult to determine under what conditions these resolutions/requests for support should be considered. Below is a proposed policy that is a first draft of what a policy addressing this issue might look like:

In circumstances where an individual Chamber member seeks support for a policy position or specific bill to aid the member's industry, such support can be considered by the Government Relations Council and the Chamber Board of Directors providing:

- 1) The proposal does not conflict with a position in the Chamber's state or federal legislative program;
- 2) does not contradict any ongoing legislative initiative;
- 3) does not conflict with an outcome from legislative action being pursued by the chamber;
- 4) does not create a conflict with another member of the Chamber of Commerce that may provide services in the same industry
- 5) does not create conflict between members of the Chamber of Commerce in different industries