

Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce

Legislative Principle Statement

The Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce believes that government's proper role in the economy is to act and pursue policies to support and encourage a capitalistic, free enterprise system that creates a climate in which private business can flourish and be successful. We believe that one of government's primary purposes is the protection and defense of private property rights and we believe the government's role should be limited to those powers expressly given to it by the Constitution of the United States.

We believe that a government's role should be limited in nature and should encourage entrepreneurship through a tax system that rewards rather than punishes productivity and innovation.

We favor a government that is fiscally responsible, one that abides by the same laws they levy upon others, and one that responds to the will and the voices they represent while ensuring that the rights of private property and enterprise are protected.

We acknowledge that the use of government incentives can be effective, but only endorse incentives that support American jobs. We realize that government spending can be a boost to our economy if used wisely and judiciously, but this spending should be done with a limited purpose and a well-defined benefit as indicated by the will of the people.

We support and encourage our leaders to address our complex issues with innovative and creative ideas to address our concerns, but to do so without compromising our core beliefs including rights to private property and to free enterprise.

We realize that government regulation is sometimes necessary, however, regulation should always be limited in scope to address the specific problem, and the goal of any regulation should be to ensure the maximum opportunity for success for entrepreneurs and the protection of our system of private property and free enterprise. We oppose overbearing regulation that creates burdens and obstacles to private enterprise. We oppose regulation which amounts to government efforts to create social engineering through regulation of free enterprise. We oppose burdensome regulations that amount to hidden taxes on private enterprise.