



# *Franklin Roundtable*

(formerly Georgia Tea Party)

## **Legislative Priorities**

### **2019 Georgia General Assembly**

**1. Support the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to restore the free exercise of religion in Georgia.**

- Support bills that place federal RFRA language into Georgia law.

**2. Repeal 45-12-22 of the Georgia Code, “Suspension of collection of taxes.”**

This law gives the Governor the power to suspend the collection of taxes until the next General Assembly session, violating a founding principle of our nation, that the power to tax is a legislative power, not an executive branch function. Legislators closest to the people are to establish tax policy, not a Governor.

**3. Education Choice and Funding Solutions**

- Support solutions to expand choices for parents and children and replace the QBE formula with a simpler, transparent system that reflects local commitment to education.

**4. Tax Reform and Simplification**

- Cut income taxes, broaden sales tax base, shift to a greater reliance on sales taxes.
- Eliminate carve-outs and special treatment for favored businesses.

**5. Eliminate or Reform Certificate of Need (CON) to expand access to health care in Georgia.**

- CON stifles free-market competition and needs to be reformed or eliminated.

**6. Reform Civil Asset Forfeiture laws to uphold constitutional principles of due process of law and personal property rights.**

**7. Oppose Casino Gambling, Racetrack Betting and other forms of state-regulated monopoly gambling.**

**8. Oppose further expansion of Medical Marijuana, including cultivation in Georgia, pending changes in federal law and further medical research.**

Franklin Roundtable, based in Marietta, is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization focused on education and advocacy at the local, state and federal levels. We work with coalition partners and constitutional conservatives from around the state to impact public policy.

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