

**Cleveland County Chamber
Federal Legislative Agenda
2008**

<u>U.S. Highway 74 Shelby By-Pass</u>	Seek funding to assist with completing the U.S. 74 by-pass around Shelby to allow an earlier completion date for the project.
<u>Water Services</u>	Support Federal assistance to increase the water supply in Cleveland County (additional reservoir capacity).
<u>Shelby–Cleveland County Regional Airport Improvements</u>	Support awarding \$2,000,000 in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Discretionary Funds for construction of a new parallel taxiway and terminal at the airport.
<u>Estate and Inheritance Taxes</u>	Support the permanent elimination of the estate and inheritance tax.
<u>Health Insurance</u>	Support health insurance initiatives, such as tax credits, that encourage small businesses to provide employee health benefits. OPPOSE any efforts to mandate employers to provide specific benefit coverage under group health plans. Employers are encouraged to offer health care coverage consistent with their ability to afford coverage and to promote good health.
<u>Capital Gains</u>	Support the elimination of the capital gains tax on the sale of active operating entities that have been owned by the same party five years or more.
<u>National Energy Policy</u>	Support a national energy policy which provides incentives for the development of adequate energy resources for our nation and protects consumers.
<u>Workforce Development</u>	Encourage continued support of Perkins legislation to provide funding for Career and Technical Education.