



GREATER PITTSBURGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2023 POLICY PRIORITY AGENDA

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, supports inclusive growth, pro-business legislation, public policy and regulatory actions to grow the economy and unlock southwestern Pennsylvania's potential by improving competitiveness, removing policy barriers and securing transformative public sector investment.

We work at all levels of government – local, state and federal – to guide policy and advocacy efforts to orient strategically toward increasing economic competitiveness and accelerating growth opportunities regionwide. As such, our 2023 priorities are outlined below to align with local, state and federal levels to showcase the individual challenges and opportunities presented within each level.

2023 Federal Policy Agenda

The Chamber will work to secure federal funds, pursue opportunities and advocate for policies that will grow the economy and enhance the quality of life in the 10-county region. We will work with and support our regional partners, building coalitions and collaborating to ensure that southwestern Pennsylvania benefits from opportunities coming out of Washington, D.C.

Policy Priorities:



Federal Funding Opportunities: We pursue and support grants, appropriations, and other strategic funding opportunities included in the CHIPS and Science Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and other relevant legislation. This includes but is not limited to the designation of and funding for a regional hydrogen hub, funding for carbon capture and storage projects and designation of and funding for a regional technology hub.



Permitting: We support public policy efforts to establish effective, efficient and responsible permitting approval process and enable efficient deployment of business investment.



Infrastructure: We support increased regional infrastructure investment in physical and digital connectivity, demonstrating progress in securing funding for regional priority projects by supporting appropriations and other requests for funding.



Inclusive Growth: We support policies to encourage place-based immigration reform to support population growth, strengthening and expanding programs like the H-1B visa program.



Workforce: We support policies that enhance workforce development, creating a strong and aligned workforce system that connects to business investment and economic development opportunities.

