



# 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.

### 2023 State Policy Agenda

In Harrisburg, our priorities focus on improving the business climate and competitiveness of the 10-county region and fostering a dynamic, growth-oriented economy across the entire Keystone State. By working collaboratively with members of the administration, the General Assembly and key decision makers, we are committed to ensuring and advocating for a vibrant economic future and quality of life for all southwestern Pennsylvania.

### Policy Priorities:



**Corporate Net Income (CNI) Tax:** We support the reduction of Pennsylvania's CNI tax and acknowledge the potential opportunity to accelerate the currently scheduled phase-down approach. We want to send a strong message to employers that Pennsylvania is open for business investment, particularly from the high-growth, innovation-driven industries where the Pittsburgh region has a competitive advantage.



**Net Operating Loss (NOL):** We encourage an increase or elimination of the cap on net operating loss carryforwards to bring Pennsylvania's limit in line with the limitations of the federal government and peer states.



**Pennsylvania's Energy Future:** The Chamber encourages the development of a statewide, "all-of-the-above" energy strategy and will support policies that reduce the regulatory burden on the production and generation of all energy sources. With unprecedented decarbonization opportunities available, we support policies that prepare and secure Pennsylvania as a leader in the hydrogen economy, ultimately setting the Pittsburgh region as an energy model for the nation. The region's abundant natural resources provide a prime opportunity to pair hydrogen with carbon capture and sequestration and seize forthcoming opportunities for the energy future. We support legislation that clarifies the guidelines and procedures necessary for innovative projects such as these to proceed.



**Economic Development Opportunities:** We support the establishment of new and innovative state programs and policies to attract, retain and meet the demand of today's industrial and manufacturing businesses. This includes setting up a sizeable and flexible development fund to address Pennsylvania's deficit of shovel-ready, large-scale sites, also known as megasites, and updating the state's business growth strategy for fast and flexible funding streams that attract and close on business investment projects and create jobs.



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## Policy Priorities (continued):



**Permitting:** We support policies that create efficient, reliable and responsible permitting processes, consistent compliance policies and updated regulatory frameworks across state agencies and departments to stimulate growth and investment, reduce key permitting timelines, enhance the business certification and licensing systems and reduce licensing turnaround times, especially for in-demand occupations and services in high-growth sectors.



**Infrastructure:** We advocate for lasting and inclusive infrastructure investments that connect the people of southwestern Pennsylvania to job centers, social services and their everyday destinations safely, reliably and efficiently.



**Talent:** We advocate for state policies that support employer efforts to retain and attract high-demand talent and a strong ecosystem of workforce development.

