

THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE REGIONAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COUNCIL



2024 Regional Legislative Priorities

With a shared dedication to positive change, economic growth, and inclusivity, our commitment is resolute – to create an environment where collaboration, innovation, equity, and sustainable development intersect. We invite you to join us in supporting this collective vision for a thriving and inclusive Northeastern Pennsylvania.

1

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Forge strong partnerships between businesses, workforce partners and education institutions, empowering students with the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary for a robust regional talent pipeline. Through collaborative efforts, we aim to align education with workforce needs, ensuring a skilled and competitive regional workforce.

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INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND CONNECTIVITY

Address the maintenance, repair, and expansion needs of infrastructure and transportation systems, with a special focus on fostering widespread connectivity in rural communities. Through strategic investment, we aim to bridge gaps, reduce disparities, and create a resilient regional infrastructure.

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TRANSPORTATION

Support the implementation of reliable and efficient Amtrak service connecting Northeastern Pennsylvania to New York City. By enhancing regional connectivity, reducing traffic congestion, and improving transportation options, we strive to foster economic growth and enhance the overall quality of life for residents.

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CHILDCARE AND EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING

Advocate for targeted early childhood education funding to support middle-class families. Recognizing its pivotal role, we aim to ensure that every child in Northeastern Pennsylvania has access to quality early education, laying the foundation for a skilled and innovative workforce.

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Work collaboratively to implement targeted initiatives, specific and focused programs or policies designed to address housing affordability, safety, and stability within the region. These initiatives aim to directly tackle the identified challenges and barriers that hinder residents' access to adequate housing, thereby fostering stronger and more inclusive communities.

