



THE CHAMBER'S 2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Chamber's Government Affairs & Advocacy Committee's goal is to serve as a voice for business with government and community partners throughout the region. The Committee is focused on implementing programming and providing resources to our members based on the following components:

1. Enhance awareness of elected officials of the public policy needs of the regional business community.
2. Increase member awareness of legislative advocacy to promote pro-business policies, programs, and services.
3. Assist Chamber members to gain access to elected officials and policy makers.
4. Establish regional public affairs partnerships.

COMMUNITY

- Fund and establish Amtrak passenger rail service from Scranton to NY City.
- Work with appropriate public and private entities to ensure continued community access and availability to quality healthcare.
- Address the maintenance, repair and expansion needs of transportation and communication infrastructure systems including roads, bridges, public transportation systems, telecommunications systems, broadband and 5G networks.
- Encourage coordinated regional land use, economic development, and community-based initiatives.

WORKFORCE

- Develop policies to ensure access to affordable housing including incentives for private investments in constructing, preserving, and repurposing housing stock.
- Address systemic childcare challenges to support working families and ensure workforce participation.
- Develop and implement policies that facilitate integration of diverse talent into the workforce.
- Establish/promote internships and apprenticeships for regional secondary and post-secondary students.
- Advocate for workforce training funding reform to align resource allocation with local needs and priorities.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- Support the re-establishment and renovation of the Carbondale Technology Transfer Center as a hub for light industrial and commercial food innovation.
- Undertake initiatives to expand the regional entrepreneurial ecosystem across Lackawanna County and Northeast Pennsylvania, including expanded access to capital.
- Foster entrepreneurial growth by promoting public-private partnerships, mentorships, and resources, including expansions into underserved communities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support steps to increase the useful inventory of available Industrial sites throughout NEPA.
- Strengthen aerospace and industrial enterprises through training, certifications, infrastructure improvements and access to government contracts.

