



Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce 2022 Legislative Agenda

The Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce is a business association of 300 members, from sole proprietorships to large corporations and non-profits. Through a full calendar of programs and events, the Chamber supports business and community growth, providing educational and marketing opportunities to its members. The Allegheny County Chamber serves businesses and individuals in order to promote and create economic success in Allegheny County.

PRIORITIES

Support fully funding the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund

Increasing economic investment in the western-most counties of the state will support critical infrastructure and business development projects with matching funds from local entities while being overseen by a board of representatives from the region and the Maryland Department of Commerce.

Support pro-business legislation and regulations

The economic vitality of western Maryland lies within the legislation and regulations that enhance, not hinder, opportunities for new and existing businesses.

Oppose environmental legislation and regulations that disproportionately harm Western Maryland

Worker training and workforce development initiatives designed to assist employees of the coal industry will be vital as MD moves to transition from coal-fired power plants.

Support initiatives and legislation that enhance the tourism and recreation opportunities in Western Maryland

The Chamber recognizes the unique and vital role that tourism and recreation play in Allegheny County and will continue to support initiatives that will strengthen our economic future.

Oppose new, unnecessary regulations or mandates

Any new, unnecessary regulations or mandates will further impede the health, sustainability, and opportunities for growth among Maryland employers. Employers who are within the scope of existing (already somewhat restrictive) regulations should have the right to manage their business in a way that suits their operations.

Businesses that have survived the pandemic should not have to face unjustified threats and mandated wage payouts. To assume the overall health of employees is the sole responsibility of the employer is no more necessary now than pre-pandemic.