



2015 Legislative Priorities

World-class Transportation System: Securing a “yes” vote on the May 5 ballot proposal to fix Michigan’s roads while supporting other key initiatives such as the M-1 Rail, New International Trade Crossing and Regional Transit Authority.

Detroit’s Economic Health: Supporting legislation that assists the city of Detroit in managing its emergence from bankruptcy and positions the city to thrive.

Reinvention of Education for Struggling Schools: Engaging the education community on alternative solutions for improving chronically underperforming schools.

Making Higher Education Accessible: Advocating for increased appropriations for universities and community colleges to lower costs for students and increase accessibility to higher education.

Michigan’s Talent Development: Supporting workforce development beyond traditional education pathways, including support for doubling the Skilled Trades Training Fund that will bring displaced workers back into the workforce.

Accountability for Education: Increasing accountability and transparency in education, including support for an assessment tied to the Common Core, user-friendly school rating tools, and high reading standards in early education.

Reliable, Affordable Energy: Building on support for the 2008 energy law while advocating for an energy landscape that includes reliable and affordable energy that also recognizes the economic benefits of clean energy options.

Regulatory Streamlining: Working with the Office of Regulatory Reinvention to support legislation that streamlines and eliminates unnecessary state regulations that impede economic growth.

Ballast Water Regulation: Advocating to ease regulatory burdens on ballast water and engaging with the Port of Detroit to ensure that regional maritime assets are maximized.

Resisting Health Care Mandates: Opposing efforts to impose new coverage mandates on employers.

The **Detroit Regional Chamber** conducts one of the most aggressive advocacy programs anywhere, fighting for its members and giving them a voice at all levels of government from Detroit to Lansing to Washington, D.C. Continually ranked as one of the top advocacy organizations in the state, the Chamber's advocacy program focuses on supporting legislation and lawmakers that help create an environment where businesses thrive.

The Chamber's government relations team actively addresses emerging issues impacting Chamber members at the federal, state and local levels of government. Please contact our team to learn more about what the Chamber is doing for your business.

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