



2023 PRIORITIES FOR DELAWARE

The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce is uniquely positioned to bring people together to solve problems, create jobs, promote business, and improve the quality of life for all Delawareans. This list of priorities impacts businesses, both large and small, in every industry across the state of Delaware.



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, TRAINING & EDUCATION

- Promote policies that support training and skills programs that align with the needs of employers and their employees
- Support policies that do not impose wage and benefits requirements on employers, which impact their ability to operate and remain competitive
- Create employment opportunities with an emphasis on building trades, technology, health care, and logistics
- Rebuild Delaware's skilled-trades workforce by supporting meaningful revisions to the Delaware Department of Labor's apprentice-to-journeyman training ratios
- Support employer-led diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives
- Back employment opportunities for second chance individuals and help solve outdated barriers to re-entry



ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY, & SUSTAINABILITY

- Support environmental policies that reflect collaboration between all stakeholders to create practical policies and solutions that improve the environment while growing Delaware's economy
- Promote and incentivize private sector efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through investments in technological innovation and the creation of clean new jobs
- Support the cleanup of brownfield sites
- Invest in infrastructure that improves resiliency from coastal flooding



HEALTH CARE

- Encourage workplace wellness programs and policies that allow companies to use personal technology devices to improve employee health and wellness
- Work to find alternative health care insurance plans that include essential health benefits



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Continue supporting legislation such as Ready in 6 that streamlines the permitting process while ensuring projects are completed in a timely manner without sacrificing public health or safety
- Find ways for state and local governments to coordinate permit approval processes
- Invest in site readiness so that businesses seeking to expand or relocate have a wide range of options "on the shelf" to select from and create jobs for Delawareans
- Support contract awards based on open competition and competitive bidding



TECHNOLOGY

- Inform lawmakers about the benefits of a data-driven economy and oppose policies that overregulate data, which benefits business, government, and consumers
- Support digital transformation efforts both within and across State agencies to streamline and modernize information technology systems



FISCAL POLICY

- Promote pro-growth tax policies that preserve Delaware's competitiveness and increase business' ability to expand and create jobs
- Support tax policies that incentivize workforce training
- Encourage timely and strategic spending of federal resources on infrastructure and one-time investments

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