



# 2019 PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES

The Allegheny Conference on Community Development endeavors - as it has for 75 years - to improve the economic future and quality of life in the 10-county Pittsburgh region by working in collaboration with public and private sector partners.

A fundamental action of the Allegheny Conference to effectively create a next generation economy for all in the Pittsburgh region is to proactively address policy issues, often through the help of partners and coalitions. The Allegheny Conference's advocacy priorities, which are located on the opposite side of this document, are carried out by its public policy and advocacy affiliate, the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce.



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## LOCAL



- 1. Support Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements and Investments**
  - Continue to support the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project
  - Support local transportation funding applications
  - Advocate for economic development projects of regional significance
- 2. Encourage Improvements to Water Quality**
  - Endorse delivery of safe and reliable drinking water to PWSA customers
  - Ensure progress on the ALCOSAN consent decree, with specific focus on eliminating overflows into our rivers and streams

## STATE



- 1. Build a More Competitive Business Climate**
  - Advocate for corporate tax reforms
    - Reduce the CNI rate
    - Uncap the NOL carryforward provision
  - Encourage permitting and regulatory reforms
  - Support legal and unemployment compensation reforms
- 2. Promote Reforms to Our Criminal Justice System**
  - Support criminal justice reform that increases opportunities to rejoin workforce and provides all communities with additional economic opportunity
- 3. Support Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements and Investments**
  - Continue to support Act 89 of 2013, with particular focus on:
    - Transfer payments to the Pennsylvania State Police from the Motor License Fund
    - Act 44 transit funding
  - Begin discussions around future local funding options
- 4. Advocate for a Statewide Non-Discrimination Law**
  - Support legislation protecting LGBTQ residents from discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodation
- 5. Advance Policies that Expand Access to Early College and Career-Based Learning Opportunities**

## FEDERAL



- 1. Support Transportation and Infrastructure Improvements and Investments**
  - Advocate for continued investment in CIG and BUILD programs
  - Support lock and dam funding
  - Encourage recapitalization of the Highway Trust Fund
  - Support pro-innovation advancements to autonomous vehicle policies
- 2. Advance the Public Perception of Immigration & Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform**
  - Support H1-B and EB-5 visa reform
- 3. Encourage Improvements to Our Energy Industry**
  - Continue to support a regional ethane storage hub
  - Ensure adequate NETL investment
  - Advocate for enhancements to our electric grid system and other regional energy assets
- 4. Ensure Investments in Basic Federal Research and Development**
  - Continue to support NIH and other federal research funding in SWPA

