

## Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce Energy & Environment Committee Priorities

Objective: To develop and influence policies for energy and environment that improve the business climate and quality of life in the Greater Lehigh Valley.

Strategy: Inform and engage the business community and partner with local, state, and federal organizations in promoting sound energy and environmental policies and infrastructure investments.

America has the capabilities and resources to develop solutions that will keep our nation secure, our economy growing, and our environment clean, and we support our nation's efforts while seeking a level playing field regarding how all nations prioritize environmental issues.

- We support strategic policies that increase energy supplies and energy resiliency, improve energy efficiency, and protect the environment.

This includes supporting policies that:

- Increase energy supply and diversify energy sources.
- Promote energy efficiency across all sectors.
- Modernize and protect energy infrastructure, including electricity grids and pipelines.
- Reduce overly burdensome regulations that limit investment and imperil competitiveness.
- Increase the energy sector's resiliency against impacts of climate change, cyberterrorism, and other manmade or natural hazards.
- Address critical shortages of industry professionals and encourages career pathways with innovative policies.

- We believe:

Concerns about climate change should be addressed as a function of energy security through a sensible approach that is built on the following core principles:

- Education: We will strive to provide the Chamber's business community with timely, accurate, and factual information on energy and environmental matters in order for them to make educated decisions regarding their business.
- Efficiency: We must encourage stronger action by consumers and producers to use fuel and power more efficiently, considering all energy-environmental-economic aspects.
- Technology: Government and businesses should promote investment in, and development of, new technologies that expand alternative energies.
- Economic Growth: Improving our energy infrastructure will create jobs in all sectors and will help enhance our economic growth and begin to build a strong foundation for future development.

To sustain our economy and spur job creation, we need a secure and diverse energy supply while improving environmental performance.

- American economic prosperity is closely tied to the availability of affordable, abundant, and clean energy supplies.

- Environmental issues require commonsense solutions that harness technologies, promote economic growth and efficiency, and achieve environmental benefits.
- To facilitate the above, we further support:
  - Investment in energy and environmental infrastructure.
  - Streamlining of regulatory processes while providing long-term regulatory certainty
  - Environmental standards based on sound economic and scientific principles.

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