



The Chamber is your voice in government. Our Government Affairs team addresses the issues of concern to your business on the local, state and federal levels. We take proactive measures to ensure that government considers business objectives and viewpoints. We'll keep you informed of relevant issues through our newsletters, and committee and council meetings.

The Public Policy Committee takes pro-business positions on legislation that will have an impact on your business. In addition, four subcommittees examine specific areas of policy. Their objectives are:

**Energy and Environment:**

To develop, coordinate, and advance long term business-sensitive strategies for sustainable energy efficiency initiatives, environmental protection and infrastructure development that will improve the business climate and quality of life for business owners, employees and their families in the Lehigh Valley.

**Healthcare:**

To educate and assist Chamber members to control healthcare costs while maintaining exceptional healthcare quality for employees by making an impact on these factors: personal accountability, transparency, tort reform, consumerism and promotion of free-market policies promoting competition in healthcare.

**Tax and Regulatory:**

To advocate against unfavorable mandates on businesses, tax increases or new taxes that will adversely affect business growth, community development, or economic development; encourage the restructuring of the personal income tax (PIT) by shifting from federal taxable income to a model of adjusted gross income and promote a state tax policy that retains and encourages business investment, such as phasing out the corporate net income tax (CNI).

**Transportation:**

To develop, coordinate, and promote regional transportation strategies and proposals-or state or federal transportation proposals with the potential for regional impact-which effectively utilize public resources, support commerce, and facilitate economic development. The Coalition for Sustainable

The Chamber is also actively involved in workforce and education issues partnering with the Lehigh Valley Workforce Investment Board. We wholeheartedly support the need for pension reform at all levels of government and have partnered in the Coalition for Sustainable Communities which is a statewide group committing to helping Pennsylvania's rural, suburban and urban communities address growing economic and financial challenges.

- [www.coalitionforsustainablecommunities.com](http://www.coalitionforsustainablecommunities.com)

For more specific information on these and other Chamber legislative positions, please visit [www.LehighValleyChamber.org/PublicPolicy](http://www.LehighValleyChamber.org/PublicPolicy) or contact The Chamber's Executive Vice President of Government and External Affairs, Michelle Griffin Young at [michelley@lehighvalleychamber.org](mailto:michelley@lehighvalleychamber.org) or 610-739-1514.