

# AGENDA

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# Agenda

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## Wednesday, October 21

*EVENT NOTE: Those who register for the DC Fly-Back will be emailed a Zoom link in advance of the virtual event. Participants will use one link to access any or all of the sessions.*

**Note: This agenda is as of October 14 and subject to change.**

**Noon**

**Welcome and Introductions:** Sandra Wilson, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce President, and Chad Beyer, Chair of the Chamber Board, will welcome the audience to the first day of the Chamber's 2020 DC Fly-Back.



**Keynote Presentation:**  
**U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and native Kentuckian Kelly Craft;** *to be introduced by U.S. Congressman James Comer (KY-1).*



**Amb. Kelly Craft**

**Opening Comments by Presenting Sponsor:**  
**Swift and Staley, Leon Owens, President/CEO**

**Congressional Update:**  
**U.S. Congressman James Comer (KY-1)** will give opening remarks to kick-off the Paducah Chamber's annual DC event.

Following his comments, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will honor Cong. Comer with its annual Spirit of Enterprise award, showing his commitment to supporting a pro-business legislation and his commitment to the bipartisan leadership and constructive governing necessary to move our country forward.



**Cong. James Comer**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Department of Energy:**  
**William "Ike" White, Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Science overseeing the Office of Environmental Management:** Mr. White will discuss the funding and progress at the Paducah DOE site, update on the strategic vision for Paducah, and future workforce initiatives.



**Ike White**

**2:15 p.m.**

**Break**



2:30 p.m.



## Department of Transportation: Secretary Elaine Chao

Secretary Chao will provide comments on behalf of DOT prior to the breakout sessions.

### MARAD:

**Dick Balzano, Deputy Administrator, MARAD**

**William Paape, Assoc. Adm. for Ports & Inland Waters**

**Chad Dorsey, Paducah Gateway Office**

### Federal Aviation Administration:

**Winsome Lenfert, Dep. Assoc. Admin. for Airports**

**Kirk Shaffer, Assoc. Admin. for Airports**



Sec. Elaine Chao



Dick Balzano



William Paape



Winsome Lenfert



Kirk Shaffer

3:30 p.m.

## Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell

Elected unanimously by his Republican colleagues in 2014 and again in 2016 and 2018, Sen. Mitch McConnell is only the second Kentuckian to ever serve as Majority Leader. He is the longest-serving Senate Republican Leader in the history of the United States. Recently, Senator McConnell introduced and led to passage the bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act.



Senator Mitch  
McConnell

Note: this session is off the record and closed to the media.

4:00 p.m.



## Energy Communities Alliance (ECA); [energyca.org](http://energyca.org):

ECA is the membership organization of local governments that are adjacent to or impacted by DOE sites and activities. Speakers include Mayor Rebecca Casper, Idaho Falls, ID; Seth Kirshenberg, Executive Director, ECA; Rick McLeod, Executive Director of the Savannah River Site Community Reuse Organization (SRSCRO); and Rick Aman, Ph.D., President, College of Eastern Idaho.



Mayor Rebecca Casper



Seth Kirshenberg



Rick McLeod



Dr. Rick Aman

5:00 p.m.

## Wrap-up

# Thursday, October 22

8:30 a.m.

**Welcome:** Sandra Wilson, Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce President, and Chad Beyer, Chair of the Chamber Board, will welcome the audience to the DC Fly-Back.



**Opening Award Ceremony with USDA Hilda Legg and Cong. Comer;** United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Kentucky Director Hilda Legg and Cong. James Comer will present a USDA grant award to a local recipient. USDA offers grants, loans and loan guarantees to help create jobs and support economic development and essential services.



9:00 a.m.



**Destinations International: Don Welsh, President & CEO;** Destinations International strives to make their members and their destinations successful. They drive destination economic impact, job creation, community sustainability and quality of life through travel.



9:30 a.m.



**U.S. Travel Association: Tori Emerson Barnes, Executive Vice President, Public Affairs & Policy;** Members of the U.S. Travel Association are organizations in or related to the travel industry.



10:00 a.m.



**Americans for the Arts: Bob Lynch, President & CEO;** Americans for the Arts is a nonprofit organization whose primary focus is advancing the arts in the United States with a record of more than 50 years of service.



10:30 a.m.



**National Endowment for the Arts: Mary Anne Carter, Chairman;** The National Endowment for the Arts is an independent agency of the United States federal government that offers support and funding for projects exhibiting artistic excellence.



11:00 a.m.

**National Trust for Historic Preservation, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund: Brent Leggs, Executive Director and Paducah native;**

The Action Fund is promoting the role of cultural preservation in telling the nation's full history, while also empowering activists, artists, entrepreneurs, and civic leaders to advocate on behalf of African American historic places.

National Trust for  
Historic Preservation  
*Save the past. Enrich the future.*



11:30 a.m.

**National Endowment for the Humanities: Jon Parrish Peede, Chairman;**

Founded in 1965, NEH is an independent grant-making institution of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities.



Noon

Wrap-up

Thank you for participating in the Chamber's DC Fly-Back!

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