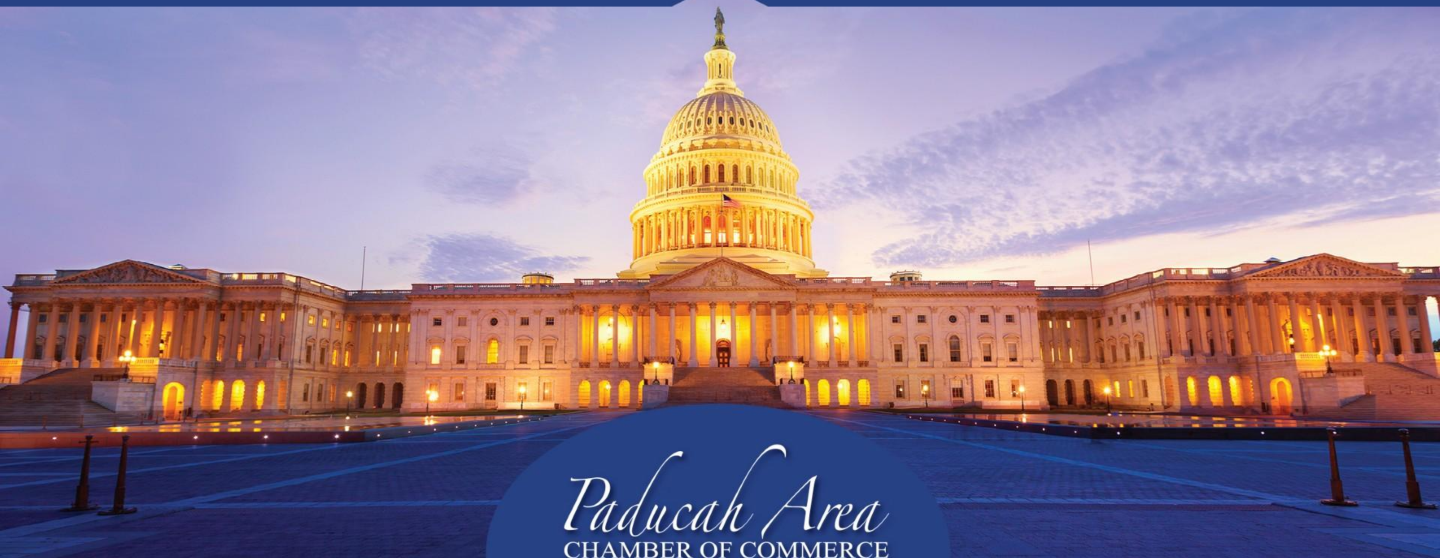
2026 FEDERAL PRIORITIES



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The Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce is the region's largest business advocacy organization representing approximately 900 businesses and an estimated 30,000 employees. As an investor-driven organization, the Chamber serves as the VOICE of the business community and presents a united effort on our community's behalf.

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➢ Department of Energy

Continued investment in the Paducah DOE Site is essential to maintaining cleanup momentum and supporting long-term economic growth.

With strong collaboration and shared commitment by all partners, the Paducah Department of Energy (DOE) site is on track to become a hub for advanced energy and technology innovation. Recently, Brookfield, NextEra, Big Rivers Electric Corporation, Jackson Purchase Energy Cooperative and Paducah Power System announced development of the “Paducah American Energy Hub.” This $100 billion partnership will develop and power a new Artificial Intelligence Data Center at the Paducah Department of Energy site. The energy infrastructure supporting the development is expected to include new natural gas generation and battery energy storage systems (all paid for by both NextEra and Brookfield) with the potential for additional advanced energy technologies in the future. The project meets the Ratepayer Affordability Pledge so that local electric rates do not increase as a result of the project.

Both General Matter and Global Laser Enrichment, two uranium enrichment facilities, are moving forward with plans to locate at or adjacent to the Paducah DOE Site. General Matter is investing approximately $1.5 billion to develop a new domestic uranium enrichment facility on 100 acres leased from DOE, creating approximately 140 high-paying jobs. Global Laser Enrichment is planning a $1.76 billion Paducah Laser Enrichment Facility expected to create 240 high-wage jobs. Using advanced laser-based technology, the facility will re-enrich depleted uranium tails, helping transform an existing DOE inventory into a domestic nuclear-fuel resource.

Additional new companies are expected to be announced soon.

Ongoing cleanup efforts are progressing with Four Rivers Nuclear Partnership (FRNP) recently achieving major milestones, including completion of deactivation and characterization of the first gaseous diffusion process building, setting the stage for eventual demolition of the 2.1 million sq. ft. building. DOE has posted their intent to extend the contract of FRNP through September 30, 2030.

To expedite clean up, DOE, EPA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky have made significant progress implementing a holistic cleanup strategy that has reduced regulatory decision documents from 51 to 5, with a focus on project execution instead of paperwork. With the goal of driving cleanup to advance DOE Paducah Site property reindustrialization, the holistic strategy is set to accelerate cleanup timelines by up to 25 years resulting in projected taxpayer cost savings of over $5 billion dollars. Additional upfront investment is needed to maintain the momentum established to achieve implementation of the accelerated plan as scheduled.

Because of the parallel path of cleanup and reindustrialization, a new Master Plan of the site is under development through a grant amendment to the Paducah Chamber DOE Grant to be completed in 2027. This work will develop the best path forward for utilization of the 3,600 acre site. “Innovate West Kentucky, Powering Innovation for A Thriving Tomorrow,” ties the themes for the site together, innovation and power and clearly identifies the path forward. A new sign has been installed at the main entrance to showcase the theme.

New sign at the DOE Site

Specific Requests for FY 2027:

1) Funding: Secure $300 million in funding from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund (UED&D) for ongoing clean up and to support preparation for a potential Onsite Waste Disposal Facility (OSWDF). This funding for the OSWDF will support a centralized wastewater treatment facility, enhanced groundwater remediation through extraction wells and completion of the OSWDF design. Community agreement on the OSWDF is subject to strict regulatory requirements and public input.

Funds Reallocation: With the potential shift in focus at other DOE sites due to reindustrialization and/or technology advancement, we believe that funds could be reprogrammed or repurposed to support this increased spending level at Paducah without increasing the overall spending level of the appropriations bill. A potential reprogramming request, if necessary to support higher funding levels, will require congressional support and approval. This increased funding will positively impact our economy and advance reindustrialization at the site without impacting the other DOE sites.

2) Nickel: The Chamber is supportive of the recycling of contaminated nickel. The Chamber *supports* beneficial use for economic development for stockpile nickel (both ingots and other forms). This nickel should be used to create jobs in our region, and we look forward to working with stakeholders to advance those ideas. We encourage DOE to move forward with a stakeholder to identify an outlet to positively utilize this stockpile.

3) Reindustrialization: The Chamber continues to support additional reindustrialization of the site. The Chamber *supports* future projects at the site and encourages DOE to include the community in the process as it moves forward. The Chamber's development of the Master Plan needs to be integrated into the process with any new developments to ensure the long-term reindustrialization goals of the community are met. The Master Plan will be completed in mid 2027 with review of transportation needs; utility capacity, reliability, and coordination; site mapping and land use coordination; and community integration and campus functionality.

4) The Chamber *supports* federal policies and investments that accelerate the return of domestic uranium enrichment and positions the Paducah DOE Site as a leading national center for nuclear energy, advanced manufacturing and energy-intensive industries. As an important step in this process, the Chamber *supports* bipartisan legislation in the Senate and House to modernize the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) licensing process for uranium enrichment facilities:
S.5249 "MORE American Fuel Act of 2026" introduced by Senators Mark Kelly (D-AZ) and Cynthia Lummis (R-WY) and **H.R. 9612 "American Enrichment Deployment Act,"** introduced by Representatives Russell Fry (R-SC-7) and Kim Schrier (D-WA-8).

These similar bills are important because they would allow nuclear fuel cycle companies to begin certain construction activities at their own financial risk, before final NRC licensing is complete, while preserving the NRC's authority to determine whether the facility can ultimately operate safely. This allows construction and licensing to proceed concurrently, saving months in the timeline and reducing costs. For energy dominance and national security, that means getting American nuclear fuel production online faster, strengthening domestic supply, reducing reliance on foreign enrichment from Russia and China, and accelerating billions of dollars of private and federal investment in the U.S. nuclear fuel cycle. The legislation would retain the NRC's authority over the operating license, preserve public participation and require advance notification to state, local and Tribal governments.

5) Nuclear Related Tax Credits: The Chamber *supports* the exploration of potential tax credits for new nuclear projects.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES – DOE *continued*

Summary of Requests Related to the Paducah DOE Site:

We Ask Congress To:

- **Provide the funding from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund f**or ongoing clean up and to support preparation for a potential Onsite Waste Disposal Facility.
- Support federal investments and policies that **allow Paducah to capitalize** on its existing nuclear infrastructure, workforce, electrical capacity and strategic location.
- **Support and advance the MORE American Fuel Act of 2026** and **American Enrichment Deployment Act** to modernize the NRC licensing process and remove unnecessary regulatory delays that can increase the cost and timeline of new domestic uranium-enrichment projects.
- Continue bipartisan federal support for **restoring a secure, domestic nuclear-fuel supply chain** and reducing reliance on foreign sources.

We Ask the Department of Energy To:

- Support the **comprehensive Paducah DOE Site Master Plan** that coordinates existing and future nuclear, advanced-energy, manufacturing and other high-value industrial opportunities.
- Continue to **prioritize Paducah for nuclear-energy and reindustrialization opportunities** as DOE advances its national energy and economic-development strategy.
- Work with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, local governments, utilities, economic-development organizations and private-sector partners to identify and address **shared infrastructure needs** associated with the return of uranium enrichment and additional industrial development.
- Continue making appropriate DOE land and facilities available for **private-sector reindustrialization**, consistent with DOE's mission and applicable federal requirements.
- Ensure that infrastructure planning anticipates the potential growth of **electricity demand, transmission, water, transportation, communications and other shared utilities** as new industries locate at the site.
- Continue coordination with the Paducah community as DOE evaluates opportunities for new projects at the site.

Under Development:

Paducah/McCracken County appreciates the $41 million investment in a new Administration Building at the Paducah DOE Site. The community is appreciative of the leadership by Senator Mitch McConnell for this funding. This facility will reduce long-term federal costs by replacing a 70-year-old building and temporary trailers, while supporting next-generation manufacturing and advanced nuclear technologies. Modern infrastructure positions our community to compete, and lead as a regional economic powerhouse.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES – INFRASTRUCTURE

➢ Riverport West

The Chamber *supports* the construction of Riverport West in McCracken County as an expansion of the current Paducah Riverport and requests federal funds needed for construction. Important funding sources have recently moved forward, which makes the additional Federal requests more important than ever. Initial state funds were secured during the 2024 Kentucky Legislative session to complete market studies, engineering and planning for the project and that work is complete. In 2026, the Kentucky Legislature approved funding for the Riverport as well as funding to be used as matching funds for federal opportunities. On July 1, a $24 million BUILD Grant was announced by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The community is appreciative of Cong. James Comer's leadership for this funding. These funding sources are critical for this transformational project that will strengthen our region's transportation infrastructure, support economic growth and further establish our riverport as a key economic asset for western Kentucky. Additional applications have been submitted that will be needed to complete this project including Port Infrastructure Development Program (PIDP), Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) (FY27 CDS (McConnell) Request), and the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program.

The Paducah Riverport's current facility is at full capacity. Riverport West meets a long-standing need for the combination of river and railroad access and has drawn significant interest from companies, particularly in the manufacturing and energy sectors. The proposed site is adjacent to the community's mega economic development site, known as the Triple Rail Site, and located less than two miles from the U.S. Department of Energy Paducah site. It includes construction of a publicly operated dock facility with direct rail access via Paducah & Louisville Railway (P&L).

Positioned strategically, Riverport West is expected to serve as a major economic catalyst for the region.

Features include a 650-foot berth with a 6.5-acre dock space and integrated rail and highway access.

➢ City of Paducah

Wastewater Treatment Plant Stormwater Relief Project: *Supports* federal investment for the city of Paducah's Wastewater Treatment Plant Stormwater Relief Project (FY27 Community Project Funding (Comer) Request: $700,000). When the existing underground pipe conveyance capacity is exceeded, it causes increased overland flow that follows The Branch before entering the combined sewer system inside the floodwall. By capturing and controlling stormwater earlier and more effectively, the burden on Pump Station 1 will be reduced, protecting the wider community inside the floodwall and supporting thousands of residents who rely on the system functioning during major storms.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES - INFRASTRUCTURE

BARKLEY REGIONAL
AIRPORT

Barkley Regional Airport continues to serve as a powerful economic multiplier for the region, and we remain deeply grateful for the continued support of our federal and state partners. That support is especially important as Barkley helps position the region for the significant economic activity planned at the Paducah DOE Site and throughout the surrounding area. Our impact extends well beyond Paducah, supporting 36 counties across four states and providing an air transportation asset that is often essential to regional development decisions. To keep pace with this opportunity, continued infrastructure investment is necessary, so businesses can more easily say yes to Barkley and the region. Our long-term vision is to build on this momentum by expanding air service, improving connectivity to destinations across the country and around the world, and creating a more self-sufficient airport supported by responsible on-airport development rather than relying as heavily on local taxpayers. Achieving that vision will require sustained investment so Barkley can meet future demand, support regional growth and remain a true gateway for economic opportunity. An important step toward that future is our new Essential Air Service partner, United Airlines with SkyWest, which represents the closest available alignment with the goals of the EAS program and provides the strongest air service product available to maximize its benefits for our community.

Essential Air Service (EAS) Funding: *Supports* full funding of the EAS program. This program is essential to the economic viability of the Purchase Region as it connects Barkley with one stop to the National Air System (NAS).

Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF)/Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building Replacement: The community appreciates the $1 million request through a CPF (FY27 Community Project Funding (Comer) request) for funding that will support initial site preparation for a new, joint-use ARFF/SRE facility. The Chamber *recognizes the need and supports efforts to* fund this facility in the near future. This building is needed to replace an obsolete firehouse that cannot accommodate a new, required Index B Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting truck. The decades-old facility does not meet current FAA space standards and limits operational efficiency. The new facility would consolidate rescue, snow removal, operations and maintenance functions to improve safety and response readiness. We will continue to seek federal opportunities to support the full $8.27 million request.

Approach Obstruction Removal - Phase 1 & 2: *Supports* $1.87 million to remove runway approach obstructions and strengthen compliance with FAA safety standards. The Airport's recently approved Updated Master Plan includes an Obstacle Action Plan identifying the most urgent current and near-term obstructions. Phase 1 & 2 would begin this multi-year effort to improve aircraft safety and airport operations.

East Apron Pavement Rehabilitation: *Supports* $2.38 million in federal funding to rehabilitate the East Apron, one of the oldest pavement areas on the airfield and recently closed to aircraft operations due to its deteriorated condition. The Airport Master Plan identifies the East Apron as a key area for future aircraft storage hangar development. Rehabilitation would allow Barkley to offer shovel-ready hangar sites to meet growing demand associated with economic development, including reindustrialization at the nearby Paducah DOE Site.

INFRASTRUCTURE

➢ Inland Waterways

Kentucky Lock: *Supports* expediting completion of final design of the Kentucky Lock Addition and implementation of project execution reforms to complete construction and return economic benefits. The Kentucky Lock Addition is expected to need more funding to complete.

Preservation of the Jones Act: The Chamber *supports* preserving and fully enforcing the Jones Act as a cornerstone of America's maritime transportation system and opposes unnecessary or extended waivers. Maintaining a strong Jones Act supports an America First approach by strengthening domestic manufacturing, protecting American jobs, safeguarding national security and ensuring a reliable U.S.-flag maritime supply chain. For river communities like Paducah, preserving the Jones Act is essential to sustaining a globally competitive inland waterways industry and the economic vitality it provides throughout the region. We appreciate Congressman Comer leading the efforts to oppose further extensions of waivers of the Jones Act.

Water Resources Development Act of 2026: *Supports* clarifying the definition of major rehabilitation to exclude dam features from the Inland Waterways Trust Fund (IWTF) cost-sharing requirement.

FY 2027 Energy and Water Development Appropriations: *Supports* making full use of revenues in the Inland Waterways Trust Fund for ongoing inland waterways construction projects.

Inland Navigation Construction Organization: *Supports* Corps of Engineer Headquarters designating a program manager to oversee inland navigation construction as a holistic program to address pervasive cost overruns and improve MEGA project execution.

Reconstitution of the Inland Waterways Users Board: *Supports* returning the Inland Waterways Users Board, the non-Federal partner for inland waterways construction, to regular order to ensure the Board can meet its statutory obligations to Congress.

Additional Fees: *Opposes* additional tolling, lockage fees, or other harmful charges for the users of the inland waterways systems.

➢ Railroad

Federal Funding: *Supports* increased federal funding for maintaining and improving the safety of railroad infrastructure. Dedicated resources for short-line tracks and regional railroads are critical for the sustainability and improvement of multi-modal freight transportation in the greater Paducah area. Specifically, the Chamber supports the continuation of the **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI), RAISE, and INFRA** grant programs. These successful programs contribute to reducing emissions and congestion by enhancing rail infrastructure.

Crew Size: *Opposes* crew size mandates. This has always been and should continue to be handled as part of collective bargaining agreements and not a one-size-fits-all federal mandate. There is no credible safety data to support the need for crew size mandates, which could impede development and adoption of new safety technologies. It will add to rail transportation costs and make it harder to compete with autonomous trucks on overcrowded roadways.

45 G Tax Credit: *Supports* modernization of the 45G tax credit. The current $3,500 per mile credit has not been adjusted since its inception. The Chamber *supports* increasing the credit to $6,100 per mile, using the Railroad Cost Adjustment Factor (RCAF) excluding fuel as justification, and indexing it to inflation going forward. Modernizing this credit is essential for short-line railroads to maintain and improve infrastructure critical to multi-modal freight transportation in the greater Paducah area. Legislation has been introduced in both the House and Senate to address this needed update.

ARTS, TRAVEL & TOURISM

Paducah's tourism industry generates $326.7 million annually, supporting 2,435 jobs, generating $72.2 million in worker income, and contributing $26.5 million in tax revenue, ranking first regionally and seventh statewide.

These federal priorities protect this economic foundation by keeping attractions operational, ensuring adequate staffing, and helping us market Paducah as an arts and culture destination powered by museums, galleries, theaters and cultural organizations. Supporting these initiatives strengthens a proven economic driver in Paducah and McCracken County.

Travel Promotion: *Supports* the VISIT USA Act, which restores full funding for Brand USA, the nation's destination marketing organization, by directing already collected travel promotion fees toward their intended purpose; strengthens the United States' ability to attract international visitors as the nation celebrates America's 250th anniversary and the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; and drives visitor spending into communities like Paducah without requiring new appropriations.

Arts Funding: *Supports* continued bipartisan funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities through the FY27 appropriations process. This funding has faced elimination proposals in recent years, so continued support cannot be taken for granted, and preserving it matters. It also preserves the federal-state partnership that directs 40 percent of NEA funding to state arts agencies such as the Kentucky Arts Council, and ensures these investments continue to reach local cultural organizations that are a key part of Paducah's UNESCO Creative City status. NASAA

Historic Preservation: *Supports* the Historic Tax Credit Growth and Opportunity Act, bipartisan legislation that strengthens the federal Historic Tax Credit, a proven economic development tool that returns about $1.20 to the Treasury for every dollar invested; restores the credit's full value and broadens access; and boosts the credit for rural and smaller projects, helping transform historic buildings along Broadway and in Lower Town into engines of jobs and local pride. SavingPlacesPAWV

MARAD Center of Excellence Investment - West Kentucky Community and Technical College:

The Chamber *supports* funding for the Maritime Administration's Centers of Excellence program through the THUD appropriations Bill for FY27 and requests an allocation of a meaningful share of the $30 million authorized for Domestic Maritime Workforce Training and Education to be awarded to West Kentucky Community and Technical College.

WKCTC holds the MARAD Center of Excellence designation and sits at the confluence of the Ohio, Tennessee, and Cumberland Rivers, with direct access to the Mississippi. No other CoE-designated institution is positioned at the operational center of the inland waterway system the way WKCTC is. Their goal is to be the recognized training hub for the inland marine industry. This federal investment will allow WKCTC to deliver on that role at the scale the industry now requires.

Federal investment will allow WKCTC to focus on three critical areas: (1) build and deliver USCG-aligned maritime cybersecurity training for inland operators responding to the Coast Guard's final rule on Cybersecurity in the Marine Transportation System, with full compliance required by July 16, 2027; (2) expand trades programming to include focused pathways in marine vessel drydock repair and barge construction, aligned with the national shipbuilding agenda; and (3) sustain the instructor capacity, equipment and industry partnerships required to keep training current as Coast Guard regulations and vessel technology evolve.

Federal investment at WKCTC directly supports national priorities in domestic shipbuilding, maritime cybersecurity compliance and inland mariner workforce development, and it does so through the only training hub geographically positioned to serve the inland waterway industry as a coherent whole.

Murray State University Emergency Veterinary and Teaching Clinic

The Chamber *supports* the $5 million request (FY27 Community Project Funding (CPF) Comer) investment to construct the Emergency Veterinary and Teaching Clinic at Murray State University. This project is a critical component of Kentucky's first College of Veterinary Medicine and will expand emergency veterinary services while preparing the next generation of veterinarians and veterinary technicians to serve Kentucky's rural and agricultural communities. This investment strengthens workforce development, supports the Commonwealth's agricultural economy and reinforces western Kentucky's growing role in addressing critical workforce shortages.

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Successful Land Ownership Transfer for the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club: The Chamber and our community appreciate the recent passage of H.R. 1276 and Senate Companion, S. 601, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, allowing for the transfer of land ownership from the City of Paducah to the Oscar Cross Boys and Girls Club. This will allow them to expand and reinvest in their facility. The bill was introduced by Congressman James Comer and passed the House in December 2025. H.R. 1276 and its Senate companion, S. 601, introduced by Senator Rand Paul, were favorably reported out of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee in March and passed the Senate in August. Sen. Mitch McConnell is an original co-sponsor of the legislation.

HEALTH CARE

Preserving Fair Hospital Reimbursement and Provider Tax Equity: *Opposes* the proposed cap on state-directed payments at the Medicare rate, with a phased 10% annual reduction starting in 2027 until the Medicare rate is reached, as this would impact hospital funding and service delivery. Additionally, we are concerned about the proposed reduction of the Medicaid safe harbor maximum provider tax in expansion states from 6% to 3.5% of net revenue, implemented through a 0.5% annual decrease. This change would disproportionately burden expansion states, while non-expansion states maintain the 6% provider tax limit, creating an inequitable funding structure.

Long Term Acute Care Hospital (LTACH): *Supports* House Resolution 1924, Securing Access to Care for Seniors in Critical Condition, which provides better access for citizens needing specialized, long-term hospital care locally, including expedited transfer of patients from   different medical facilities to Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals (LTACHs). This legislation updates the current LTACH PPS criteria to allow more patients to utilize needed services and for the LTACH to receive the full Medicare rate for any patient with a case mix index of .80 or higher transferred from an acute care hospital.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Reform: *Supports* federal reforms to increase transparency and accountability for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to improve access to affordable prescription medications and strengthen the long-term viability of independent community pharmacies**.** H.R. 6610, "**Pharmacists Fight Back in Federal Employee Health Benefit Plans Act**," introduced by Cong. James Comer and Chair of the House Oversight Committee, is a bipartisan bill that establishes new requirements for PBMs to fairly reimburse pharmacies and apply manufacturer rebates to reduce beneficiaries' prescription drug costs. The bill also prohibits PBMs from steering patients toward affiliated pharmacies and establishes penalties for noncompliance. Local pharmacies are essential healthcare providers and employers throughout western Kentucky, particularly in rural communities. Federal policy should ensure fair reimbursement for pharmacies, prevent anti-competitive practices that limit patient choice, and require negotiated prescription drug rebates to directly benefit patients through lower out-of-pocket costs.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Grant: The Chamber *supports* the grant request to the Economic Development Administration in the amount of $43,725,905 for a regional workforce initiative. This request, coordinated by the Purchase Area Development District and West Kentucky Workforce Board, for the Purchase Area Coalition for Industry Transformation (PACIT) will strengthen long-term economic competitiveness in Western Kentucky. The need is to build the skilled workforce to support major investments in our region including General Matter, Global Laser Enrichment and Brookfield Investments at the Paducah Department of Energy site (also known as the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant).

Serving an economically distressed eight-county region challenged by workforce shortages, low labor-force participation, an aging workforce and talent migration, PACIT will expand and modernize Area Technology Centers, industrial training centers, and union apprenticeship programs to create a seamless, debt-free "High School to High-Wage" career pathway. In partnership with local school districts, union training centers, local industrial training centers, and industry leaders, the initiative will align education and training with employer needs, prepare workers for careers in nuclear enrichment, energy, advanced manufacturing, and the skilled trades and help existing industries backfill positions affected by workforce movement. This coordinated strategy will expand opportunities for unemployed and underemployed residents, reduce recruitment and retention barriers, prevent labor poaching, and generate construction employment, high-quality permanent jobs, higher wages, and lasting economic resilience throughout the Purchase Region. This request has the support of Cong. James Comer and Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul.

BUSINESS & COMMERCE

Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence: *Supports* the development of a clear national framework for artificial intelligence models that support innovation and creativity and the establishment of a federal data security and privacy protection framework that includes guidelines, education and funding. This will protect consumers and businesses by providing certainty and consistency of data security from hackers and ransomware.

Workforce Development: *Supports* reauthorization and modernization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide greater flexibility for state and local workforce systems, strengthen employer-driven workforce development strategies, expand skills training and better align workforce investments with regional economic needs.

Child Care: *Supports* continued funding for the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) to expand access to affordable, high-quality child care and supports modernization of the federal Employer-Provided Child Care Tax Credit (Section 45F) to encourage greater private-sector investment in child care solutions that strengthen workforce participation and economic growth.

Clean Slate Act: *Supports* policies that reduce unnecessary barriers to employment, occupational licensing and workforce participation for qualified individuals while maintaining public safety.

Workforce Participation: *Supports* innovative federal policies that reduce benefits cliffs, improve coordination among workforce and public assistance programs, and encourage employment, career advancement and long-term economic self-sufficiency.

Workforce Housing: *Supports* federal policies that expand the availability of workforce and affordable housing by reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers, streamlining development timelines and encouraging public-private partnerships that increase housing supply for working families.

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2026 is the 23rd consecutive year for the Paducah Chamber DC Fly-In. Business leaders and elected officials recognize the need to be the group to "show up" in DC with a united voice and we have seen many successes from our efforts through the years. This photo was taken on the Capitol steps during the 2025 Fly-In.

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