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U.S. Chamber Priorities for 2016



In 2016, the U.S. Chamber is focusing on six overriding priorities with the greatest potential to spur economic growth, create jobs, reform government, and preserve and defend American businesses and free enterprise.

ANSWERING ATTACKS ON AMERICAN BUSINESS

The Chamber will defend the American business community from the most serious political and ideological assault we have seen in decades by:

- Confronting and responding to candidates for any office from either party who choose to beat up on business.
- Challenging the new-found love affair many Americans are having with socialism and the unlimited expansion of government.
- Opposing those who want to wall off our country from people, ideas, trade, and capital and those who seek to silence the voice of business through fear, regulation, retribution, and even prosecution.

It is government, not the American business community, that has fallen down on the job and must be reformed.

FIGHTING REGULATIONS

The Chamber will fight the administration's final-year regulatory assault and its enforcement overreach with every tool at our disposal by:

- Advancing our three major lawsuits seeking to block the Clean Power Plan, the Waters of the U.S. rule, and the ozone standard and engaging in new ones as necessary.
- Building on our successful record of winning regulatory relief by working in the agencies and in Congress on specific rulemakings to improve them, change them, properly implement them, and, in a few cases, stop them.
- Challenging the lack of due process and outsize settlements extorted from businesses of all sizes by enforcement authorities with little, if any, regard whether any actual harm or wrongdoing occurred.

If the administration does everything it wants to on labor, environment, and capital markets rules and enforcement actions, it will push an already weak economy into a recession.

ELECTING THE RIGHT CANDIDATES

The Chamber will pull out all the stops to help elect pro-business candidates by:

- Working to ensure a pro-business majority in the House and, given the uncertainty of the presidential race and the appointment of Supreme Court justices, especially in the Senate.
- Educating voters on candidates for state attorneys general and state Supreme Courts.
- Weighing in on policies advocated by presidential candidates but not getting involved in presidential politics.

Nothing we do this year will have a greater impact on the treatment of our businesses than electing the right people to office.

DEFENDING OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The Chamber will defend America's financial institutions and our capital markets from destructive attacks by:

- Beating back regulatory overreach, fighting punitive taxes, and stopping enforcement practices that are little more than extortion.
- Vigorously challenging the Federal Reserve's regulatory activities and ensuring that it is transparent and accountable.
- Fighting for reforms to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, combating efforts to eliminate arbitration, and opposing the fiduciary rule that will hurt small businesses.

We should be praising and perfecting our capital markets as a crown jewel of our economic system—not trying to blow them up.

ADVANCING TRADE

The Chamber will work to expand trade all over the world to create good American jobs here at home by:

- Fighting back against the mindless trade protectionism that is making a comeback in both political parties.
- Building public and congressional support for major agreements with the Asia-Pacific region and Europe.
- Unearthing new opportunities to sell American goods and services in emerging markets around the world.

Trade is one of our best opportunities to find new customers for our small, medium, and large companies and create new American jobs.

PRODUCING AMERICAN ENERGY

The Chamber will fight for the expansion of American energy of all kinds by:

- Stopping the senseless war that has been declared on American oil, gas, coal, and nuclear power by extreme environmentalists and their political allies.
- Prudently developing all of our traditional resources and clean energy technologies while continuing to improve efficiency.
- Removing the legal and regulatory barriers used by opposition groups to prevent energy projects from getting off the ground, bleeding them dry of financing, or killing them outright.

Abundant, affordable energy has lowered costs, attracted manufacturing and investment to our shores, and nearly eliminated our reliance on foreign sources. And it can help generate untold billions of dollars to help pay for the entitlement costs of an aging population.



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