



# THE NEW GROWTH AGENDA



To achieve stronger, sustained, and shared growth, the Chamber is unveiling a forward-looking agenda that will build on recent gains for the long term.”

—Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, *The State of American Business*, January, 2018

**A vision for stronger, sustained, and broadly shared economic growth to benefit all Americans in 2018 and beyond.**

## **FUELING BUSINESS GROWTH**

U.S. businesses must have the resources to grow and the freedom to make decisions to enable growth to continue.

## **REASSERTING AMERICAN LEADERSHIP IN THE WORLD**

Trade is how we shape the reality of globalization to benefit American businesses, consumers, and workers.

## **MODERNIZING & EXPANDING INFRASTRUCTURE**

We cannot build a 21st century economy on 20th century infrastructure. It’s time to modernize our roads and bridges, expand broadband, revitalize our seaports and airports, update our water supply systems, revamp our power grid, and build pipelines.

## **PROTECTING FREE SPEECH & CIVIL DISCOURSE**

Allowing people and groups to speak freely and participate in civil discourse undergirds our society and system of free enterprise.

There can be no progress if leaders can’t come together, exchange ideas, and reach common ground.

## **BUILDING THE WORKFORCE OF THE FUTURE**

Growth depends on people—those who provide the energy, ingenuity, and ideas that power our economy. A strong education system is essential to preparing people for good jobs and bright futures and sustaining a globally competitive American workforce.

Disruptions are creating economic insecurity for those who don’t have the right skills or education—or don’t live in the right places—to compete for today’s jobs. We need an all-of-the-above approach to address the dual challenge of people without jobs and jobs without people.

## **EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY IN OUR ECONOMY**

Technology is part of every industry. We must embrace it as an opportunity—as the growth driver and game changer that it is.

## **ELECTING PRO-GROWTH LEADERS**

We support candidates who understand why growth is important and are committed to governing to achieve that growth.

## **RESTORING FISCAL HEALTH**

Unsustainable entitlements—the true drivers of our nation’s rising debt—are the greatest threat to our long-term economic security.

