

2018 Government Advocacy Accomplishments

The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber's Government Affairs Team is a bold voice for business. We develop and advocate for innovative and smart policies related to economic development, transportation and inclusion. We strategically connect leaders and policy makers to strengthen the region's competitiveness.

Bold Voice for Business

Successfully positioned the Chamber on key election issues:

- Passage of **Great Oaks & Children's Services** levies
- Adoption of **bipartisan Congressional redistricting reform**
- Defeat of **Issue 1**

Led local coalition of business and community leaders to secure **\$29M for regional projects** in the capital budget



Partnered with local media and University of Cincinnati to host **OH-1 Congressional debate**

Executed three-day Leadership Exchange trip to Toronto, **first to leave the U.S.**



Senior Government Affairs Manager appointed to Hamilton County Heroin Coalition

Partnered with local Chambers to reach the highest number of attendees on annual advocacy trips to Columbus and Washington, DC.

Organized most collaborative Local Government Day by bringing together City and County partners

Urged action on behalf of members to **protect local economy** in trade negotiations

Provided forum for members to engage with candidates and key issue campaigns before the election

Transportation

Organized public-private partnership for the **I-75 WorkLink** corridor

Conducted and presented **comprehensive review** of SORTA's finances

Partnered with Uber and local stakeholders to launch the **Cincinnati Mobility Lab**

Hosted roundtables with USDOT Secretary **Elaine Chao** and Los Angeles Mayor **Eric Garcetti**



Joined Western Hills Viaduct Coalition to support replacement of critical infrastructure



Rolled out **The Connected Region**, a vision for the future of transportation

Economic Development

Advocated for federal funding for NIOSH Uptown project

Secured support for local economic development partners in City budget



Developed policy proposals to **attract, develop & connect** a talented workforce

Inclusion

Reaffirmed support for immigration solutions including **H1B visas** and the **DACA program**

Launched **Cincinnati COMPASS**, a portal to welcome immigrants and refugees to our community



Testified in support of **nondiscrimination legislation** with the Ohio Business Competes Alliance

Advocated for improved access to Small Business Administration for regional minority businesses