

2019 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

Secured business protections in **Wage History Ban** legislation

Executed **first Southwest Ohio Regional Advocacy overnight trip** to Columbus, where members advocated for our region

Defeated small business tax increase in the Ohio state budget

HB 352: Supported passage and testified in support

Commissioned the inaugural Chamber **Growth Policy Poll**

Beyond 34: US Chamber Foundation selected Cincinnati as first expansion city

Supported passage of **Retirement Savings & Securities Act**

Endorsed **Issues 12, 20, 21, and 22**

Supported the repeal of the **Cadillac Tax**, and was ultimately repealed by U.S. House

Established **Influence Cincinnati** and hosted 4 meetings across the region

Launched the **Growth Policy Index**

Transportation

Issue 22 passed with more than 75% of the vote, winning every precinct in the City

Clarified state law to allow transit authorities to partner with local communities to invest in roads and bridges

Built coalition to support investment in transportation in Hamilton County

Endorsed the City's **Pedestrian Safety** motion

Supported increasing **Ohio's gas tax** to invest in critical infrastructure

Hosted the first **Mobility Solutions Summit** to solve pressing transportation problems

Economic Development

Urged members of Congress to act on **USMCA**

Supported **TIF** expansion in the city

Pushed for responsible **City-CPS abatement agreement**

Inclusion

Ohio Fairness Act: Testified in support of Senate legislation and spoke at press conference unveiling bi-partisan House version of the bill

Signed onto the New American Economy's letter to pass the **Dream and Promise Act (HR 6)**

Called members of Congress to action on **DACA reinstatement**