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### **Chamber business advocacy team names 2021-22 public policy priorities**

DAYTON, Ohio – From equity to infrastructure and small business assistance, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce’s business advocacy team plans to tackle timely issues that affect the region’s business community in 2021-22.

As the Dayton region’s largest business association, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce has two registered lobbyists on staff and represents the voice of the Dayton business community locally, in Columbus, and on a federal level. Biennially, the chamber advocacy team releases its Legislative Agenda, which details anticipated issues in the next two years, and the chamber’s public policy priorities.

“It’s important that our business community has a voice in policy decisions. We anticipate a number of key issues to come before our elected officials in 2021 and 2022, and we’ll represent our member businesses in advocating for business-friendly legislation,” said Stephanie Keinath, vice president of strategic initiatives. “With ongoing input from our members & volunteers, we identify policy positions based on our mission to create a better place for businesses to grow and prosper.”

Some of the opportunities for advocacy this year stem from the COVID-19 pandemic, including pushing for additional support for small businesses and equitable expansion of broadband access.

The overall priorities identified for the chamber this year include:

- Ballot Issue Protection
- National Defense
- State Budget Advocacy
- Equity
- Military/Veteran Quality of Life
- Workforce Development
- Logistics & Transportation
- Regulatory & Tax Reform
- Small Business Support

The chamber’s Legislative & Regulatory Affairs Committee, made up of chamber member volunteers, works alongside chamber staff to identify priority issues throughout the year. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is the lead advocacy group in the Dayton region that represents the business community.

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce’s 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda can be viewed here:

<https://daytonchamber.org/services/business-advocacy/our-priorities/>

### **About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce**

*The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The chamber strives to improve the region’s business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Nationally awarded with “5-Star Accreditation” from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Area Chamber is widely recognized for its innovative programs and outstanding contribution to positive change in the region. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at [daytonchamber.org](http://daytonchamber.org) or 937-226-1444.*

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