



# The U.S. Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business organization representing the interests of more than 3 million businesses of every size, sector, and region. Since its founding more than a century ago, the Chamber has worked to deliver the voice of business in Washington, D.C., and around the world to advance policies that create jobs and grow and strengthen the competitiveness of our economy. Today, this work is more important than ever.

**Advocacy.** In partnership with its members, the U.S. Chamber's nationally recognized international and domestic policy experts, lobbyists, lawyers, and communicators work to promote the interests of business in Washington and worldwide. More than 1,500 leaders from across the Chamber's membership serve on policy committees, subcommittees, task forces, and councils to develop and advance recommendations on critical issues affecting business. The Chamber's growing grassroots network is also key to educating voters, generating support for pro-growth policies, and advancing legislation on Capitol Hill.

The **American Jobs and Growth Agenda**, the Chamber's plan to generate stronger, more robust economic growth, create jobs, and expand opportunity for all Americans, focuses on several policy areas:

- Tax & Entitlement Reform
- Energy
- Health Care Reform
- International Trade & Investment
- A Competitive Workforce
- Infrastructure
- Legal Reform
- Innovation
- Regulatory Reform

The Chamber offers programs centered on these and other policy areas:

The mission of the **Institute for 21st Century Energy** is to unify policymakers, regulators, business leaders, and the American public behind a commonsense energy strategy to help keep America secure, prosperous, and clean.

The **Center for Capital Markets Competitiveness (CCMC)** works to advance America's global leadership in capital formation by supporting capital markets that are the fairest, most efficient, and innovative in the world.

The **International Division** leads the business community's efforts to advance pro-business trade and investment policies that create jobs and spur economic growth.

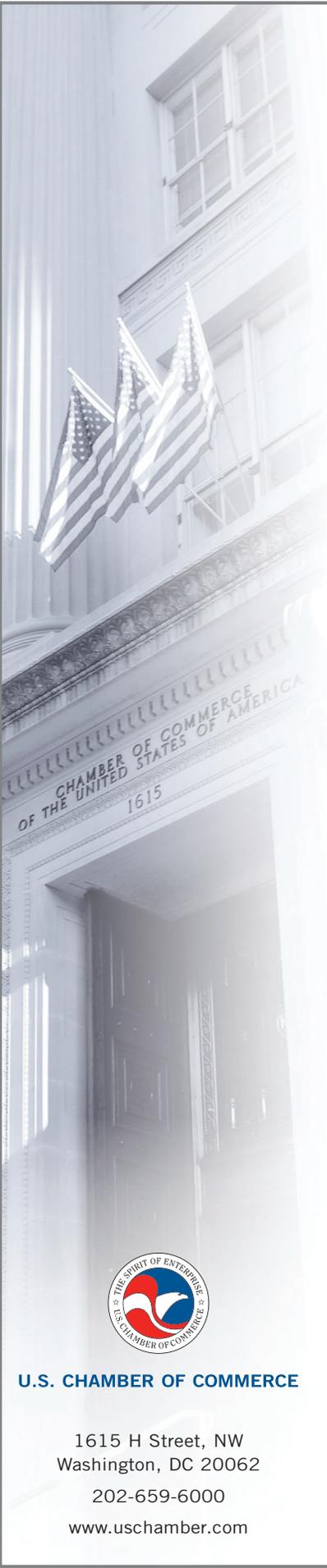
The **Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC)** leads a worldwide effort to champion intellectual property rights as vital to creating jobs, saving lives, advancing economic growth, and generating breakthrough solutions to global challenges.



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The **Center for Global Regulatory Cooperation (GRC)** seeks to align trade, regulatory, and competition policy in support of open and competitive markets.

The **Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)** works to strengthen democracy around the globe through private enterprise and market-oriented reform.

The U.S. Chamber **Institute for Legal Reform (ILR)** is a national campaign representing the nation's business community, with the critical mission of making America's legal system simpler, fairer, and faster for everyone.

The **National Chamber Litigation Center (NCLC)**, the Chamber's public policy law firm, advocates for fair treatment of business in the courts and before regulatory agencies.

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.** A 501(c)(3) nonprofit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation is dedicated to strengthening America's long-term competitiveness and presents a broad range of programs that promote a greater understanding of economic and public affairs issues.

- **Hiring Our Heroes (HOH)** is a nationwide initiative to help veterans and military spouses find meaningful employment.
- The **Institute for Organization Management (IOM)** is a professional development program designed for nonprofit management.
- The **Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC)** addresses societal issues that affect business, including globalization, community development, and disaster response.
- The **Institute for a Competitive Workforce (ICW)** promotes rigorous educational standards and effective job training systems to preserve the strength of America's greatest economic resource, its workforce.
- The **Center for Women in Business (CWB)** promotes and empowers women business leaders to achieve their personal and professional goals.
- The **Forum for Innovation** provides research and insight into the emerging issues impacting the free enterprise system and the business community.
- **Enterprising States and Cities** presents a comprehensive look at how cities and states position themselves for economic growth and investing in the future.

**Standing Up for Free Enterprise.** Promoting, protecting, and defending the American free enterprise system is central to both the U.S. Chamber and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. The **Campaign for Free Enterprise** is a comprehensive effort to build and sustain a grassroots movement in support of free enterprise. Its message is clear: The American free enterprise system creates opportunity, fosters innovation, drives growth, and ultimately enables people not only to "dream big" but to fulfill their dreams.

From Main Street businesses and state and local chambers to leading industry associations and large global corporations, members count on the U.S. Chamber to deliver the voice of business and champion free enterprise.

For more, go to [www.FreeEnterprise.com](http://www.FreeEnterprise.com).



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