



## Advocacy Priorities

### Oil & Gas/Energy

#### What is the issue?

The greater Permian Basin accounts for over 40 percent of all oil production in the United States and nearly 15 percent of its natural gas production, creating energy security for the country and globally. Federal policy can greatly impact our local economy. When policies limiting domestic energy production are enacted the Permian Basin, the United States, and the world are greatly affected.

#### Midland Chamber of Commerce Position:

- Encourage the removal of obstacles to increase domestic energy production and oppose efforts to prevent oil and natural gas exploration and production.
- Encourage international distribution of domestic oil and gas products.

### Infrastructure & Transportation

#### What is the issue?

The mobility of Midland and the Permian Basin's abundance of natural resources is limited by inadequate transportation to major ports and trade routes, hindering growth of the energy industry. Increased congestion and deterioration of strained infrastructure heightens safety concerns.

#### Midland Chamber of Commerce Position:

- Support the investment of Federal dollars into major transportation routes incorporating the Permian Basin.
- Encourage policy that promotes the creation of new pipelines, highways, and railways.

### Immigration

#### What is the issue?

The Permian Basin is heavily impacted by security and immigration at the Southern border and beyond. Those attaining legally documented entry to the United States, whether by citizenship, work visas, or a guest worker program, contribute to the workforce and economy of our region and the success of our top industries.

#### Midland Chamber of Commerce Position:

- Support immigration policies that are efficient and reasonable while promoting security, including opportunity for entry of human capital, through citizenship, work visas, or guest worker programs to the region for the benefit of our local economy.

### Business Climate

#### What is the issue?

Federal policies and mandates can widely affect the business climate of communities across the nation. From mandates to new taxation and regulatory policies, federal directives hinder business in Midland and when business is hindered, so are the employees and citizens.

#### Midland Chamber of Commerce Position:

- Oppose policy that hinders workforce and economic development.
- Support policy that encourages free enterprise and offers a favorable business climate.



## About the Midland Chamber



**The Midland Chamber's mission** is to promote and foster business growth and success for our members and the Midland community.

**We have served** as Midland's voice of business since 1924. Advocating for a favorable business climate at the local, state, and federal levels of government on behalf of our members is one of our top priorities.

**We take an active stance** regarding legislation that will impact our business community. As community advocates, we:

- Actively monitor issues
- Provide updates, including call-to-action updates as needed
- Act as a liaison and voice the position of the Chamber to our elected officials