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Advocacy Priorities

The Permian Basin is one of the most important energy-producing regions in the world and a leading driver of U.S. energy security, economic strength, and global stability. It is a sedimentary basin that spans more than 86,000 square miles of West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico. At the center is Midland, Texas, a hub for energy production, commerce, and emerging aerospace activity. Federal policy decisions directly impact our ability to produce, build, and grow in ways that benefit both our region and the nation.

Oil & Gas/Energy

The Permian Basin produces nearly half of U.S. oil and a growing share of natural gas. Federal policy uncertainty, evolving regulations, and constraints on leasing, permitting, infrastructure, and capital access impact responsible energy development.

Midland Chamber of Commerce Position

- Support policies that recognize the Permian Basin's role in U.S. energy independence and global stability.
- Advocate for efficient and predictable permitting processes, regulatory certainty, and a safe and secure environment for oil and natural gas exploration, production, and infrastructure.
- Encourage policies that support the development of pipeline capacity, export infrastructure, and technologies that reduce emissions while sustaining production and jobs.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Growth in the Permian Basin has outpaced infrastructure capacity, creating strain on highways, pipeline capacity, rail infrastructure, aviation infrastructure and air service capacity.

Midland Chamber of Commerce Position

- Support sustained federal investment in Permian Basin highways, pipeline capacity, rail, and airport infrastructure.
- Support transportation planning and funding that accounts for freight intensity, energy production impacts, and the maintenance and completion of existing and designated federal highway corridors.
- Promote policies that improve safety, reduce congestion, and enhance connectivity.
- Support policies that promote sufficient, reliable and secure power generation and transmission to meet the growing energy demands of the Permian Basin.
- Support policies that advance water supply innovation and infrastructure, and protect groundwater resources, while respecting the primary role of state and local management.

Workforce Development & Participation

Workforce demand in the Permian Basin exceeds supply across energy, engineering, skilled trades, healthcare, and aerospace.

Midland Chamber of Commerce Position

- Support federal policies that strengthen workforce development pathways aligned with high-demand industries.
- Support workforce development and access in regional hubs serving large geographic areas.
- Expand access to affordable, high-quality childcare to support workforce participation.

Business Climate & Regulatory Certainty

Regulatory expansion and inconsistent policy implementation create uncertainty for businesses and hinder long-term planning and investment.

Midland Chamber of Commerce Position

- Oppose unnecessary regulatory burdens and compliance costs, especially on small business.
- Support policies that promote free enterprise, innovation, and a competitive business environment.
- Advocate for regulatory certainty that allows businesses to plan, invest, and operate with confidence.
- Encourage consistent and transparent regulatory implementation across federal agencies.

Midland International Air & Space Port

The Midland International Air & Space Port supports both commercial aviation and a growing aerospace sector.

Midland Chamber of Commerce Position

- Support federal policies, coordination, and targeted funding for aviation infrastructure, airspace access, and spaceport capabilities.
- Encourage investment in infrastructure, research, and workforce pathways that attract aerospace, defense, manufacturing and space technology companies to Midland.



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