

116th Congress

Greater Houston Partnership Federal Priorities



EXECUTIVE PRIORITIES

Infrastructure & Houston Ship Channel Expansion

The Partnership supports the widening and deepening of the Houston Ship Channel to provide safe and efficient transit for each vessel traversing the busiest deep-draft trade waterway in the nation. We are committed to working collaboratively with the federal government, Port of Houston Authority, and private industry to ensure the authorization, funding, and completion of the project.

Energy & Energy Transition

The Partnership is dedicated to strengthening Houston's position as the Energy Capital of the World and supports energy infrastructure and investments necessary for the region to lead the global energy transition and accommodate global demand growth. The Partnership is in a strong position to work with stakeholders to advance policies to support the transition to a more efficient and more sustainable lower carbon future.

ISSUES

Regional Resiliency & Flood Mitigation

The Partnership supports significant investment in infrastructure designed to protect both our economy and our people from future severe weather events. The deficiencies in Houston's flood mitigation infrastructure became apparent in the major flooding events over the last several years. The billions of dollars in damages resulting from these events highlighted the vital need for improved regional flood resiliency. We will continue to identify and support policy positions and creative solutions to improve resilience and address ongoing funding and infrastructure needs for flood mitigation.

Transportation

The Partnership supports maintaining and enhancing current funding opportunities and prioritizing sustainable and forward-thinking solutions to meet the region's transportation needs. Given the interdependency of our region and national and international markets, maximizing Houston's economic prosperity relies on the ability to efficiently move goods and people throughout our region.

International Trade & Investment

The Partnership supports free and fair international trade and the negotiation of accountable trade and investment agreements. The Houston region is a global logistics hub where 17% of the economy and 330,000 jobs are directly tied to exports. Supporting open international trade and international investment agreements helps create jobs in the region while securing a strong and diverse economy.

Immigration

The Partnership supports sensible and sustainable immigration reforms that meet the needs of Houston's business community and the region as a whole. As America's most diverse city, Houston's foreign-born population plays a significant role in driving our region forward. It is important to address immigration issues that have a disproportionate impact on our area to ensure talent is available to meet the needs of our companies.

Higher Education & Workforce

The Partnership supports ensuring the current and future workforce is equipped to meet the needs of Houston's major industries and employers. The Partnership plays a leading role in improving regional coordination and alignment between industry, the public workforce system, public schools, higher education institutions and community-based organizations so as to produce the talent for a 21st century economy.

