



Beaver County Chamber of Commerce Calls for Budget Passage

For Immediate Release - The Beaver County Chamber of Commerce is requesting resolution of the Pennsylvania state budget impasse on behalf of its 530 plus members and the tens of thousands of employees and family members they represent. We request that the Governor and Republican leadership seek common ground and break the gridlock that is preventing Pennsylvanians from getting on with their work.

The Beaver County Chamber is a non-partisan organization that represents a very diverse constituency of small and large businesses as well as non-profit organizations. Our non-profit and social services members who depend on state funding subsidies are rapidly using limited cash reserves or borrowing against credit lines in order to keep providing their services to our most vulnerable and needy citizens. In many cases, some services are being curtailed.

Our education based members are attempting to begin new school years under tremendous uncertainty. Ultimately it is the student that suffers from this inability of adults to solve the problems preventing a resolution to the budget. Students seeking to pursue or continue their college education do not have access to student aid funding. Companies depending on improving their workforce are having programs delayed or in jeopardy. Overall, much of the business and economic development of Beaver County and the Commonwealth is on hold as this impasse continues.

We understand that ideology and special interests are an endemic part of the political process. But we truly believe that our elected officials sought political office to serve ALL the people of Pennsylvania whether they be Republicans, Democrats or Independents. We ask that our elected leaders in Harrisburg set aside their labels and immediately solve the issues preventing a budget from being passed and signed by the Governor.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Beaver County Chamber of Commerce and its members, we thank all of our elected officials for their public service and for addressing our request for bipartisan resolution of the state budget impasse.

We urge you to contact the following Beaver County elected officials and ask them to "seek common ground and break the gridlock that is preventing Pennsylvanians from getting on with their work."

- Governor Tom Wolf (Pittsburgh Office) 412-565-5700, governor@state.pa.us
- Rep. Jim Marshall 724-847-1352, jmarshall@pahousegop.com
- Rep. Jim Christiana 724-728-7655, jchristi@pahousegop.com
- Rep. Jaret Gibbons 724-773-7499, jgibbons@pahouse.net
- Rep. Rob Matzie 724-266-7774, rmatzie@pahouse.net
- Sen. Elder Vogel, Jr. 724-774-0444, evogel@pasen.gov
- Sen. Camera C. Bartolotta 717-787-1463, cbartolotta@pasen.gov
- House Majority Leader Rep. Dave Reed, 717-705-7173
- House Speaker Rep. Mike Turzai, 717-772-9943, Mturzai@pahousegop.com
- House Minority Leader Rep. Frank Dermody, 717-787-3566
- President Pro Tempore Sen. Joseph B. Scarnati III, 717-787-7084, www.senatorscarnati.com/contact-me/
- Senate Majority Leader Sen. Jake Corman, 717-787-4712
- Senate Minority Leader Sen. Jay Costa, 717-787-7683, costa@pasenate.com