

Business Climate

Why This Team Exists

Promotes a competitive and business-friendly environment by reducing regulatory burdens, supporting entrepreneurship, and encouraging policies that enable innovation, investment, and economic growth across the Capital Region.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Expand federal R&D partnerships and increase R&D investment
- Sustain SBIR/STTR funding for early-stage commercialization
- Embed entrepreneurship in workforce development
- Expand childcare and healthcare access for the innovation economy

Civic Amenities

Why This Team Exists

Supports public/private partnerships and investments that strengthen civic infrastructure, recreation, culture, and the urban core to enhance regional livability, talent attraction, and economic vitality.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Strengthen partnerships between civic amenities, government, nonprofits, and the private sector
- Support collaborative investments that enhance neighborhoods and economic activity
- Promote co-location and coordinated planning of civic assets
- Expand amenities that create vibrant places to live, work, and visit

Community Resources

Why This Team Exists

Advocates for flexible, coordinated systems that enhance community resilience by preventing homelessness, expanding mental health services, and improving the delivery of supportive resources with greater accountability and efficiency.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Maintain federal funding for housing vouchers and supportive housing programs
- Strengthen workforce productivity through improved public benefits design
- Support reforms that allow participation in job training without losing benefits
- Advance federal housing legislation that streamlines environmental review and accelerates housing development

Education & Employment

Why This Team Exists

Advances equitable, high-quality education and workforce systems that ensure employers have access to skilled talent, while supporting policies that promote adaptable learning, fair labor practices, and strong pathways to meaningful employment.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Align federal education investments with regional workforce needs
- Expand apprenticeships, certificates, and short-term workforce training
- Support industry-aligned training programs that connect education to employment
- Strengthen pathways to family-sustaining careers across key sectors

Energy & Innovation

Why This Team Exists

Advances clean, reliable, and affordable energy solutions by promoting innovation, resilience, and practical implementation pathways that support regional economic competitiveness.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Accelerate domestic supply chains for critical energy technologies and minerals
- Expand innovation in AI-enabled transportation and advanced technology vehicles
- Support policies that strengthen American energy independence
- Advance biomass energy technologies that convert agricultural waste into transportation fuels and energy

Flood Protection

Why This Team Exists

Supports federal and state investments that deliver essential flood protection infrastructure, fair insurance programs, and smart policy reforms to safeguard life, property, and long-term regional economic prosperity.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Secure federal appropriations for flood protection infrastructure in the Capital Region
- Modernize FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program for agricultural operations
- Support the Flood Insurance for Farmers Act
- Advance projects through the Water Resources Development Act of 2026

Food & Agriculture

Why This Team Exists

Promotes policies that protect farmland, grow ag-tech innovation, strengthen food systems, and expand nutrition and food security programs, ensuring the region's agricultural economy remains resilient and globally competitive.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Support USDA Local Food Purchase Assistance and Local Food for Schools programs
- Protect SNAP funding and strengthen nutrition programs in the Farm Bill
- Expand local food procurement and food system infrastructure
- Advance the Agricultural Workforce Modernization Act to stabilize the farm workforce

Health Care

Why This Team Exists

Advocates for accessible, high-quality, and cost-effective healthcare systems that allow regional flexibility, support integrated delivery models, and expand access to providers and programs that improve community health.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Maintain stable Medicaid and Medicare funding
- Restore provider payments and tax credits supporting healthcare access
- Streamline healthcare program enrollment processes
- Invest in workforce initiatives that strengthen the healthcare workforce

Land Use & Natural Resources

Why This Team Exists

Supports clear, consistent, and balanced land-use and environmental policies that protect natural resources while enabling economic development, safeguarding property rights, and enhancing long-term regional quality of life.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Advance federal permitting reform through the SPEED Act
- Streamline Clean Water Act permitting through the PERMIT Act
- Establish clearer timelines for environmental review processes
- Reduce regulatory delays that impact housing and infrastructure development

Public Safety

Why This Team Exists

Promotes investments in public safety infrastructure and collaborative approaches to reducing crime, addressing homelessness-related impacts, and supporting strong partnerships between law enforcement, businesses, and communities.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Strengthen coordination between federal, state, and local public safety agencies
- Support federal investment in ethical AI, data systems, and cybersecurity tools
- Expand training pipelines and career-connected learning for public safety professionals
- Modernize training facilities and technology systems to strengthen operational readiness

Transportation

Why This Team Exists

Advocates for a robust, multimodal transportation network that enhances goods movement, reduces congestion, improves transit efficiency and safety, and secures federal investment to align mobility with economic and community needs.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Secure long-term federal transportation funding and reauthorization
- Prioritize safety and “fix-it-first” infrastructure investment strategies
- Expand federal investment in goods movement and mobility infrastructure
- Strengthen airport funding tools and modernize aviation infrastructure policy

Water Resources

Why This Team Exists

Supports policies and investments that ensure a reliable, affordable, and diversified water supply through expanded storage, improved management, and sustainable access for residents, businesses, and the regional economy.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Expand water storage and water capture infrastructure
- Improve water management strategies to address drought and extreme weather
- Support projects that strengthen long-term water supply reliability
- Advance policies that balance environmental sustainability and economic growth



Wildfire & Forest Health

Why This Team Exists

Promotes science-based forest management, fuel reduction, and wildfire prevention strategies, alongside investments in response capacity and cross-jurisdictional coordination to protect communities and regional air quality.

What This Team Is Advancing This Year

- Implement recommendations from the Wildland Fire Mitigation and Management Commission
- Strengthen federal wildfire response and recovery capabilities
- Reduce barriers to post-wildfire recovery efforts
- Expand proactive forest management and fuel reduction strategies