

Outline for Economic Workforce and Development Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 10 AM

Outline

1. Thank you and introduction

- a. We actually feel like we don't have politicians but advocates now
- b. Small businesses feel like the step child being loved during the custody battle. (When the economy is bad, We love the small business and that's all you hear about. When economy is great, we're feeling forgotten.
- c. We love this committee for being proactive and not reactive, let's fix it while it's not the problem

2. Need, ideas and frustrations...

a. Usual suspects

Benefits (Health)

There were mandates forced upon us, but this only effected the small businesses mostly. Bigger companies offered private coverage

When these regulations and mandates are put on us, it's common sense to follow the money

CBD for example. Synthetic vs. Real

Fear of supplements being ripped off the shelf

Regulations (Killing small businesses, big businesses absorbing)

Takes more schooling for a cosmetologist (single mothers, etc.) Feel like the weak are being preyed upon)

Taxes (Don't mind paying fair share, but where is it going?)

Unemployment (mostly dependency benefits) This still a thing?

Unemployment Reform, it skyrocketed after the recession and big businesses left leaving the small business with the tab.

3. Other concerns

- a. What is the CSI Backlog (Common Sense Initiative)
- b. Infrastructure- gas tax etc.
- c. Lotto for schools
- d. Turnpike for roads and bridges

“The American Dream was supposed to be hard, but not impossible”
Eric Fee