



**Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce
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Eleven Chambers to Participate in Joint Washington DC Visit
Group will promote agenda of enhanced transportation, increased energy

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GLENS FALLS, NY (06/17/2011) – The presidents from 11 Chambers of Commerce across the Capital Region will travel to Washington, DC on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 to meet with members of New York’s Congressional delegation, promoting regional collaboration while advocating for enhanced transportation and expanded energy in the Capital Region.

Participating Chambers include: Adirondack Regional Chamber, Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber, Chamber of Schenectady County, Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, Colonie Chamber, Columbia County Chamber, Fulton County Regional Chamber, Guilderland Chamber, Montgomery County Chamber, Rensselaer County Regional Chamber and Saratoga County Chamber. Collectively, the chambers represent more than 12,500 businesses that employ nearly 400,000 area residents.

The Chamber representatives will be meeting with the offices of New York’s Congressional delegation, including Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Paul Tonko and Congressman Chris Gibson.

“As legislative advocacy is a core mission of our Chamber, the opportunity to visit our elected officials in their Washington offices is of paramount importance,” said Peter Aust, president and CEO of the Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce. “When we personally deliver our message as a delegation of strengthening the regional economic climate, the impact of our voice is far greater.”

Among the issues on the Chamber representatives’ agenda will be: improving access and pricing to and from the Albany International Airport for both corporate and leisure travelers; increasing reliability of the

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regional passenger rail system and expanding high speed rail connections that travel to and from the region's stations to such points as New York City, Boston, Montreal and Buffalo; and addressing the rising cost and demand for energy in order to attract companies to the Tech Valley region.

The Adirondack Regional Chamber of Commerce (ARCC) is a not-for-profit, member-based business organization. The Chamber is a vigorous advocate for the economic success of its 1,000 member businesses, representing in excess of 23,000 people predominantly in Warren, Washington and Northern Saratoga Counties in New York State. ARCC is dedicated to creating economic opportunity and enhancing the quality of life throughout the Adirondack Region.

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