

# LANCASTER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ADVOCACY PRIORITIES 2023

### **WORKFORCE AND EDUCATION**

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce recognizes that a well-educated, job-ready workforce is essential to economic growth and the success of our business community. The Chamber believes that close collaboration and cooperation between the education and business community is critical to workforce development and student success.

#### **CONTINUED BROADBAND EXPANSION**

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce recognizes that America's digital infrastructure helps provide access to education, health care, connects people, and supports commerce. Today, internet service is unavailable in portions of Lancaster County and the Chamber believes continued broadband expansion to provide fast, affordable, and reliable internet service is essential for our community.

#### WATER/SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce believes that water and sewer infrastructure is a critical component of a thriving economy. Water and sewer infrastructure and treatment facilities, along with providing services in key economic development corridors are essential to business recruitment, retention, and expansion.

## **DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

The Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce believes that revitalization of the City of Lancaster's downtown area, along with the Towns of Kershaw and Heath Springs, are important to future sustainable growth in Lancaster County. The downtown areas are central to our historic and community identity. The Chamber recognizes the significant benefits of a healthy and vibrant downtown as an economic driver for Lancaster County.