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Fayette Chamber Hosts Legislative Luncheon Connecting Business Community with Elected Leaders

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The Fayette Chamber of Commerce welcomed nearly 100 members of the local business community and elected officials for its annual Legislative Luncheon, creating a space for meaningful dialogue around the policies shaping Fayette County's future.

The event brought together representatives from the federal, state, and county levels of government for a conversation focused on the intersection of public policy and real-world business experience.

"This event is about connection," said Muriel Nuttall, Executive Director of the Fayette Chamber of Commerce. "It's an opportunity for our business community to share what they are experiencing on the ground, and for our elected officials to provide insight into the policies and decisions that impact our region every day."

The program featured remarks from federal representatives, followed by participation from the local state delegation, including Senator Pat Stefano, and Representative Charity Grimm Krupa. Each shared updates on legislation and initiatives relevant to Fayette County, followed by questions from attendees.

The conversation then turned to local leadership, with remarks from the Fayette County Board of Commissioners—Scott Dunn, Vincent Vicites, and Harry "Dutch" Kaufman—who discussed county priorities and ongoing strategic efforts.

Throughout the event, the Chamber highlighted several key issues consistently raised by its members, including workforce availability, housing development, infrastructure investment, and the transition of Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus.

“These challenges are deeply connected,” Muriel Nuttall, added. “Workforce, housing, education, and infrastructure must be addressed together if we are going to position Fayette County for long-term success.”

The event was intentionally structured as an open conversation, allowing attendees to engage directly with elected officials in a professional and respectful setting.

“Our goal is to strengthen alignment between policy and the realities facing our businesses,” said Kathi Rabbitt, President of the Chamber Board of Directors. “When that alignment exists, it creates the conditions for growth, stability, and opportunity.”

The Fayette Chamber of Commerce remains committed to serving as the voice of the business community and a convener of partnerships that move Fayette County forward.

About the Fayette Chamber of Commerce

The Fayette Chamber of Commerce is the leading business advocacy organization in Fayette County, representing nearly 700 members. The Chamber works to promote economic growth, support workforce development, and enhance the overall quality of life in the region through strategic partnerships and community leadership.