## 2023 Public Policy Priorities

Our recommendations to achieve three important objectives through bipartisan support and public/private collaboration



**Federal budget:** Reduce deficits/debt; address debt ceiling without political battle; avoid stimulus; establish bipartisan commission on fiscal responsibility and reform.

**Infrastructure:** Implement IIJA quickly, transparently; accelerate broadband and energy grid projects; pursue public/private partnerships.

Workforce shortages: Expand participation through training, apprenticeships; enact immigration reform.

Regulation: Streamline regulatory processes.

**Public health:** Continue pandemic preparedness; rebuild health workforce.

Cybersecurity: Prioritize critical infrastructure.

**Education:** Quality education aligns with job skills; advance early education.

Source: The Conference Board, 2023



Russia/Ukraine: Continue strong response to aggression; ensure reliable energy, food, and commodities supplies to allies; work to resolve conflict.

**China:** Reassert US leadership in Indo-Pacific; coordinate with allies on technology controls, protection of intellectual property, sources of critical minerals and components, and support for Taiwan; collaborate with China in areas of mutual global interest.

**Global trade:** Renew US leadership for open trade; seek new market access agreements; strengthen World Trade Organization.

Climate and energy: Reassert US leadership to develop a realistic energy transition plan to meet the 2050 net-zero objectives that addresses the energy sector disruption.



**Bipartisan solutions:** National leaders must come together to implement solutions to ensure they are sustainable and restore trust.

**Private/public sector collaboration:** Business leadership is critical to help tackle important national priorities during historic global disruption.

**Elections:** Take commonsense measures now to rebuild trust that elections are secure, transparent, fair, and credible; that is, using paper ballots, counting ballots quickly, protecting poll workers.

