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Policy & Impact Committee

The Policy & Impact Committee provides guidance on overall research and outreach for the Committee for Economic Development, the public policy center of The Conference Board.

Climate, Energy & the Environment Committee

Climate change is a 21st century global challenge, which may threaten global security, economic prosperity, environmental sustainability and public health. US leadership is critical to address this challenge and that can only be achieved through a comprehensive, collaborative strategy between the public and private sectors in countries around the world. The mission of the Climate, Environment & Energy Committee is to determine the goals, principles and policies to guide a comprehensive US climate strategy that builds on the foundation of market principles, the acceleration of innovation, and preservation of US competitiveness.

Technology & Innovation Committee

US leadership in technology and science has been a key contributor fueling American prosperity. However, the nation is facing growing global competition, relatively weak public investment, security threats to its digitized economy, a potentially more rapid and more complex innovation cycle, and ominous signs that policymakers are at a loss for how to modernize rules and approaches that can support innovation while protecting consumers and competition. CED undertakes research and outreach to guide the urgent action required to help secure the US's continuing place as the hub for innovation and development while ensuring all Americans benefit from advances in technology and science.

GeoEconomics Committee

As part of its commitment to advance American prosperity and economic leadership in the rapidly changing 21st century global economy, CED analyzes comprehensively the challenges to US economic competitiveness, global economic leadership, and international trade, identifying our nation's policy strengths and weaknesses and providing recommendations for US policymakers and business leaders.

Fiscal Health Committee

Fiscal responsibility will remain one of the crucial issues before the nation for years to come. CED advocates fiscal responsibility and sound macroeconomic policy through an explicit program to manage the new debt incurred to combat the coronavirus pandemic, comprehensive budget deficit reduction including tax reform that broadens the tax base and reduces tax rates, and market-based solutions to the rising cost of health care.

Health Care Committee

To address unsustainably rising health care costs, deficient quality of care, and inadequate access, CED continues to advance our recommendations for market-based and consumer-driven health care reform, including modernization of Medicare through the Medicare Advantage program and avoiding national fee-for-service health care. The Heath Care Committee also seeks to develop solutions to meet the challenge and disruption of the pandemic and to build sustainable health care policies and practices to meet the domestic and global challenges.



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Workforce Committee

American leadership, prosperity, and competitiveness hinge on maximizing the contributions of our nation's workers. In keeping with the nation's interest in the global competitiveness of the American workforce, CED has a long tradition of helping all Americans to reach their full potential. As part of that effort, CED assesses the challenges and drivers that may be keeping some Americans from more fully participating in the labor force or better developing in-demand talents and skills, the reforms that may be needed to the immigration system to best capitalize on international talent and proposes policy solutions in the national interest that will help more American families share in increasing prosperity through work.

Smart Regulation Committee

CED's Regulation Committee develops and builds on the messages and major lessons described in CED's book, *Smart Regulation*, which include the need for rigorous cost-benefit analysis of proposed new regulations, ex-post review of existing regulations (which will require improved data collection), and nonpartisanship. These lessons have important application to a post-COVID-19 economy.

Infrastructure Committee

Modern, effective infrastructure is an essential requirement for national commerce and for growing and widely shared prosperity — even as changes in technology drive changes in our infrastructure requirements. As the underlying structure of the nation's economy, vital infrastructure includes public works that provide physical connectivity and quality of life, but also extends to realms of communication and information necessary for modern living and commerce. To further that goal, CED is undertaking research and determining solutions to guide the delivery of cutting-edge infrastructure on a sustainable basis, helping to connect businesses and workers to more opportunities, increase productivity, and advance American competitiveness.

Education Committee

CED's portfolio of education work addresses the entire learning continuum — early childhood, K-12, and postsecondary education. CED's efforts focus on increasing the quality of, and access to, high-quality early education through public and private initiatives; examining the impact of the child care industry across states; improving the early childhood education workforce; providing recommendations on student transitions to the workplace; boosting postsecondary institution performance; increasing teacher quality; and advancing apprenticeship as a training strategy. CED also supports work in states across the country by sharing evidence-based policies and practices to increase access and quality of early care and education.



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Sustaining Democratic Institutions Committee

CED has long held that strong democratic institutions are critical to economic success. Washington works best when Americans trust that it is working in the nation's interest. CED is deeply concerned about challenges to the strength of the nation's democratic institutions, including practices that elevate the interests of private actors at the expense of the public good. To ensure the health and vitality of our democracy, CED engages in research and outreach focused on restoring bipartisanship, which is central to the strength of, and trust in, a government that is responsive and accountable to the people.

Women in Corporate Leadership Committee

To strengthen and sustain a campaign for more women in corporate leadership and for women in the workforce to fulfill their potential, CED works with business leaders to promote and highlight female representation in leadership roles through research and outreach. Through our "Women in Corporate Leadership" effort, CED encourages corporations to increase the number of women in C-Suite and in technology-related leadership roles.

CED Task Force: NYC Business Leadership

CED's Task Force on NYC Business Leadership utilizes the extensive expertise of its Trustees, to provide solutions — CED's signature value-add throughout its history — on how NYC, the early epicenter of the virus' impact and the nation's largest metropolitan economy, can best overcome the important challenges the pandemic has unleashed. Using the lens of New York City — the area of the country hit hardest by pandemic early in the crisis — this effort will also provide original analysis and potentially wide-reaching solutions on how to overcome the challenges confronting US cities emerging from the pandemic.

CED Task Force: Building a More Civil & Just Society

CED's Task Force on Building A More Civil & Just Society builds on CED's policy work and The Conference Board's yearlong discussions with CEOs on the economic, racial, and health disparities that the nation has confronted in the wake of the devastating impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the nation's reckonings with racial injustice and diversity & inclusion. The objective of the Task Force is to leverage the experience and insights of CED Trustees to assess best practices and policies and to offer and prioritize actionable steps — reasoned solution — to meet the challenges of equal economic opportunity that will drive lasting, sustainable, change in companies, communities, and in society.