

What's at Stake?

- The ability to more effectively advocate the Chamber's positions on issues at the city, county and state levels.
- A voice on political issues for Greer-area small businesses that may not have the budget for lobbyists or government affairs staffs.
- The future of Upstate South Carolina as a competitive and business-friendly region.

The Greer Chamber PAC is a tool to increase the competitiveness of the Upstate business environment by advocating pro-business positions to local and state lawmakers.

Our goal is to raise \$8,000 in 2009. The only way we will meet that goal is with the help of our local businesses. Make your political dollars go further by leveraging them with the resources of other businesses in the area. Together, we can make a real impact.

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BE HEARD.
TAKE ACTION.
**POLITICAL
ACTION**

“Politics ought to be the part-time profession of every citizen who would protect the rights and privileges of free people.”

—Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower

What is the Greer Chamber PAC?

The Greer Chamber PAC is a non-partisan, issues-based political action committee launched in August, 2008. Although separate from the Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce, the PAC works hand-in-hand with the Chamber to give a strong voice to the concerns of Upstate businesses at the local and state government levels.

What does the Chamber PAC do?

The Chamber PAC makes direct contributions to elected officials at the city, county and state levels who have been instrumental in the support or passage of items on the Chamber's legislative agenda. Because this is an issues-based PAC, it does not endorse candidates or make any monetary contributions during election cycles.

The Chamber PAC also funds informational mail-outs concerning pending legislation and the Chamber's positions on those items.

Decisions about how to use Chamber PAC funds are made by a Board of Directors, whose members are appointed by the Chamber chairman, president, and legislative committee. Board members serve two-year, staggered terms.

Why should I contribute?

By contributing to the Greer Chamber PAC, you have the power to influence South Carolina legislators and local officials on issues that affect the future of the Upstate business climate.

The Greater Greer Chamber of Commerce's 2009 Legislative Agenda includes the following positions:

- Support for road and infrastructure funding.
- Support for affordable health benefit plans for small business owners.
- Support for an increase to the cigarette tax to be used for tax credits for small businesses that offer health insurance.
- Support for workers' compensation reform and punitive damage caps for torts.
- Opposition to card-check legislation (i.e. Employee Free Choice Act).
- Support for the exploration and development of alternative energy sources, and the exploration of off-shore natural gas and oil drilling.
- Support for a surface water withdrawal regulation to protect South Carolina's water resources.
- Support for comprehensive tax reform at the state level.
- Support for funding of early childhood education.
- Support for the endowed chairs program at state research universities.

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GREER CHAMBER PAC
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Level of Contribution (annual):

Platinum - \$3,500*

(Benefits include a Chamber PAC lapel pin and attendance at two check distribution ceremonies.)

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Supporter - \$100

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