



# 2015 Year in Review

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## *Highlights on how the Chamber has been working for you*

### Advocacy

- Advocated for the "Wage Theft Prevention Clarification Emergency Amendment Act of 2015"
- Proposed amendments to the "Marijuana Pre-Employment Testing Prohibition Act of 2015"
- Testified before the DC Board of Elections on the proposed Minimum Wage Ballot Initiative
- Lobbied the DC Council Committee on Business, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on restrictive scheduling issues
- Submitted comments and proposed amendments on the "Carcinogenic Flame Retardant Prohibition Amendment Act of 2015"
- Submitted recommendations on the "Sustainable DC Omnibus Amendment Act of 2014" to Director Deborah Carroll, Department of Employment Services and met on the implementation of transit benefits
- Testified on the "Safe Working Conditions for Healthcare Workers Amendment Act of 2015"
- Submitted written testimony and comments on the "Ethics Reform Amendment Act of 2015" and the "Comprehensive Code of Conduct of the District of Columbia Establishment Act and BEGA Amendment Act of 2015"
- Advocated for the repeal of the tax haven list included in the "Combined Reporting Clarification Act of 2015"
- Testified on concerns and challenges with the "Universal Paid Leave Act of 2015"
- Convened Morning Fix events that brought local businesses together with:
  - Rashad M. Young, City Administrator
  - Melinda M. Bolling, Interim Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
  - Ana Harvey, Director, Department of Small and Local Business Development
  - Karl A. Racine, Attorney General, DC Office of the Attorney General
  - Brian T. Kenner, Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development
  - Phil Mendelson, Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia
  - Jeffrey S. DeWitt, Chief Financial Officer
  - LaQuandra S. Nesbitt, Director, DC Department of Health

### Connections

- 2015 Chamber's Choice Awards & Gala
- 2015 Annual Meeting
- 2015 Small Business Awards & Expo
- 2015 Policy Forums on international business, health, technology and retail projects

### Education

- Lunch and Learn Sessions on Social Media, Marketing, Alternative Energy Sources and Cybersecurity
- International Seminars:
  - New Trade Opportunities for Exporters: Industry Market Briefing on Upcoming Cyber Security Trade Mission – Poland and Romania
  - New Trade Opportunities for Exporters: Connect to a World of Opportunities in Africa
- Chamber Entrepreneurs and Professional Development:
  - Government Contracting
  - Affordable Health Care Act
  - Small Business Legal Clinic
  - Employer HR Related Taxes