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ABOUT THE WASHINGTON, D.C. FLY-IN

The Greater LEX Policy Group was formed 17 years ago from regional chambers of commerce, business leaders and elected officials who recognized the need to have a uniform, consistent and powerful voice in Washington and Frankfort. Successes from the Washington Fly-In include initial funding for the I-75 Connector, funding for the Kentucky Blood Center, contract awarded to EKU for its Bio-Fuels program, funding for the University of Kentucky, funding for the Bluegrass Army Depot and funding for Newtown Pike expansion. The regional policy group hosts a variety of receptions,

meetings and briefings throughout the year to engage and provide a forum for dialogue among regional leaders and elected officials.

Leaders are focused on executing the Regional Competitiveness Strategy over the next five years. This plan will foster greater collaboration among public and private sector leaders through the execution of a limited number of mutually agreed upon initiatives that will be economically impactful and benefit each community in the region, and that have broad financial support from regional public and private sector leaders.



AGENDA: TUESDAY, JULY 9*

*For those arriving early.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. GREATER LEX BUSINESS LEADERS RECEPTION

Hosted by Cornerstone Government Affairs

(800 Maine Ave. SW, 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20024)

6:30 p.m. OPTIONAL DINNER

The Grille DC (99 Market Square SW, Washington, DC 20024)

(We have made several table reservations for those that would like to attend.

Each guest is responsible for their own check).



AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

8:30 a.m. ARRIVE AT CAPITOL HILL CLUB - BREAKFAST

(300 First St. SE, Washington, DC 20003)

8:45 a.m. WELCOME & SPONSOR REMARKS

Bob Quick, President & CEO, Commerce Lexington

Kimra Cole, President & COO, Columbia Gas of Kentucky

9:00 a.m. REMARKS: U.S. Senator Rand Paul

10:00 a.m. CONGRESSIONAL POLICY ADVOCACY UPDATE

Sara Armstrona, Vice President of Federation Relations & Grassroots

Advocacy, U. S. Chamber of Commerce

10:30 a.m. NAVIGATING FEDERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Will Smith, Principal, Cornerstone Government Affairs

Karyn Richman, Principal, Cornerstone Government Affairs



AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

11:30 a.m. 2024 PRESIDENTIAL & CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION FORECASTING

Jonathan Miller, Washington D.C. Partner-in-Charge, Frost Brown Todd LLP

James Carroll, Washington D.C. Partner, Frost Brown Todd LLP

NOON LUNCH BUFFET OPENS

12:30 p.m. HOUSING LANDSCAPE OVERVIEW

Dr. Jessica Lautz, Deputy Chief Economist, National Association of Realtors

1:10 p.m. REMARKS: U.S. Representative Morgan McGarvey (KY-3rd District)

1:30 p.m. REMARKS: U.S. Representative Andy Barr, (KY - 6th District)

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free Time/Meetings on your own

4:00 p.m. CHECK-IN AT HOTEL

Fairmont Washington D.C. Georgetown (2401 M St. NW, Washington, DC)

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. GROUP RECEPTION & DINNER | Sponsored by Kentucky811

The Palm Washington DC Steakhouse, (1225 19th Street, Washington, DC)

*Included with registration.



AGENDA: THURSDAY, JULY 11

7:00 a.m. BREAKFAST BUFFET OPEN IN JUNIPER RESTAURNT

Fairmont Washington D.C. Georgetown (2401 M St NW, Washington, DC)

Fairmont guests will receive a breakfast voucher at check-in.

8:30 a.m. ARRIVE AT U.S. CAPITOL, S120

(Enter North Door on Senate Side, 1st Street between Independence and

Constitution. North door is closest to Constitution)

Transportation to Capitol on your own

9:00 a.m. REMARKS: U. S. Representative James Comer (KY – 1st District)

9:30 a.m. REMARKS: Office of Congressman Hal Rogers (KY – 5th District)

Karen Kelly, Chief of Staff

9:45 a.m. REMARKS: U. S. Representative Brett Guthrie (KY – 2nd District)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. OPTIONAL CAPITOL TOUR

11:30 a.m. REMARKS: U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell

12:00 p.m. ADJOURN



SPEAKERS

Sara Armstrong **Vice President of Federation Relations and Grassroots Advocacy, U.S. Chamber of** Commerce

Sara Armstrong is vice president of Federation Relations and Grassroots Advocacy at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She directs outreach efforts to the grassroots and the federation of trade associations and chambers across the country. Previously, Armstrong served as chief of staff at the Republican National Committee after leading the 58th Presidential Inaugural Committee as chief executive officer. Before that, she was vice president of the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland. Armstrong served at the RNC as chief operating officer for the 2014 election cycle and as deputy chief of staff during the 2012 presidential election cycle. She is also a former RNC director of member services. Armstrong was a special assistant to President George W. Bush and deputy chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush and served in the Bush administration as director of the White House Visitors Office. Armstrong resides in Alexandria, Virginia, with her husband, David. She was raised in Texas and South Carolina and received both her B.S. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of South Carolina.

Congressman Andy Barr (KY-6) 2430 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-4706

Andy Barr has served as the United States Representative for Kentucky's Sixth Congressional District since 2013. Congressman Barr is a senior member of the House Financial Services Committee where he serves as the Chairman of the influential Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy Subcommittee. This Subcommittee has oversight of key financial regulators including the Federal Reserve, the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the National Credit Union Administration, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Financial Stability Oversight Council. This Subcommittee also has jurisdiction over the monetary policy functions of the Federal Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve System and, as a result, is leading congressional oversight of the Fed's efforts to combat the current inflation crisis and recent failure to achieve its price stability mandate. Congressman Barr is in his second term on the House Foreign Affairs Committee where he serves on the Indo-Pacific Subcommittee. During his time in Congress, Congressman Barr has been a champion for





SPEAKERS

Kentucky families, farmers, and small business owners, fighting to keep taxes low and against overly burdensome regulations. At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Congressman Barr was a key architect of the Paycheck Protection Program, which delivered forgivable loans to small businesses to stay open and keep paychecks flowing to their workers. Congressman Barr graduated from Lexington's Henry Clay High School in 1992, earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government and Philosophy, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Virginia in 1996, and received his law degree from the University of Kentucky in 2001.

James Carroll Washington, D.C. Partner Frost, Brown, Todd LLP

Jim assists clients with a full range of government enforcement and compliance issues, from internal compliance review to highly publicized government crackdowns that call for immediate action and sophisticated strategies. Jim delivers results by providing strategic advice and serving as a bridge between government decision-makers and the corporations, organizations, and communities impacted by those decisions. Jim has substantial experience as a legal advisor to two White House administrations, federal government agencies, and a Fortune 25 company. He counsels clients on complex and sensitive issues involving government and internal investigations, corporate ethics and compliance programs, and white-collar defense. With his insider experience and crisis management skills, he helps clients weather even the roughest storms of public opinion and regulatory scrutiny.

Congressman James Comer (KY-1) 2410 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3115

James Comer was elected to Congress in 2016 to represent the 1st Congressional District. He currently serves as the Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, where he aggressively advocates for reducing waste, fraud and abuse in government. Comer was elected to serve as Kentucky's Commissioner of Agriculture in 2011, and inherited growing problems at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. After his election to Congress in 2016, Comer immediately set out to replicate his record of conservative accomplishment in Washington. He serves as the only formerly-elected Commissioner of Agriculture in Congress and remains active on policy matters facing the farm community. Comer has also worked tirelessly to advance legislation protecting school meal access for students during the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as on legislation reauthorizing the Older Americans Act and the Stronger Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. He has also championed legislation to reduce burdensome regulations and boost government transparency, and is an advocate for balancing the federal budget and reducing wasteful spending. In addition to serving as Chairman of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, he is also a member of the House Committee on Education and Workforce

Congressman Brett Guthrie (KY-2) 2434 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3501

Congressman Brett Guthrie represents the Second Congressional District of Kentucky. Following his military service in the Army, Guthrie joined a Bowling Green, Ky., based manufacturing business that was started by his father and represented the 32nd District in the Kentucky Senate. Guthrie was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2008 and currently serves as the Chair of the Health Subcommittee on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and as a Deputy Whip within the House Republican Conference.

Karen Kelly Chief of Staff Office of Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5)

A Pike County native, Karen Kelly, Rogers' former District Director for Kentucky, is his Chief of Staff. Kelly served as District Director in Kentucky for nine years, and previously served as Rogers' Field Representative in Eastern Kentucky. She was instrumental in establishing the initiatives SOAR, Operation UNITE and Eastern Kentucky PRIDE.

Jessica Lautz **Deputy Chief Economist National Association of Realtors**

Dr. Jessica Lautz is the Deputy Chief Economist and Vice President of Research at the National Association of REALTORS®. She has been with NAR since 2007. The core of her research focuses on analyzing trends for both NAR members and housing consumers. She is in demand as a speaker and by major media outlets to provide commentary on the real estate market. She has testified before Congress on behalf of NAR. Dr. Lautz has been recognized by Housing Wire's Women of Influence and RISMedia's Newsmaker award. Jessica received her Doctorate of Real Estate from Nottingham Trent University in the United Kingdom. She also holds a Master's in Public Policy from American University and undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Law and Justice from Central Washington University.

SPEAKERS:

U.S. Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Phone: (202) 224-2451

Mitch McConnell is the United States Senate Republican Leader. On January 3, 2023, he became the longest-serving Senate Party Leader in American history, elected to lead the Republican conference nine times since 2006. From 2015 to 2021, McConnell served as Senate Majority Leader. He is only the second Kentuckian to ever be Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate. McConnell previously served in leadership as the Majority Whip in the 108th and 109th Congresses and as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee during the 1998 and 2000 election cycles. First elected to the Senate in 1984, McConnell is Kentucky's longest-serving senator. McConnell graduated with honors from the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences, where he served as student body president. He also is a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Law, where he was elected president of the Student Bar Association. Before his election to the Senate, he served as judge-executive of Jefferson County, Kentucky. McConnell currently serves as a senior member of the Appropriations, Agriculture, and Rules Committees.

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Congressman Morgan McGarvey (KY-3) 1527 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 Phone: (202) 225-5401

Morgan McGarvey is a lifelong Louisvillian who, before being elected to Congress, served for a decade in the Kentucky State Senate, including four years as the Minority Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus. As a state Senator and Minority Leader, Morgan fought back against conservative attacks on public education, organized labor, reproductive rights, and Kentucky's working families. But he did so while building relationships with his colleagues in both parties to pass legislation that helps and protects Kentuckians every day. Across 10 years in Frankfort, Morgan wrote and passed 18 bills into law. Those include passing the first insurance mandate in Kentucky history to make sure that low-birthweight babies get the nutrients they need to survive, laws that protects victims of human trafficking and domestic violence, and a law that allowed Simmons College - Louisville's only HBCU - to lower tuition costs for its students and re-start its teacher training program, putting more Black teachers into classrooms across Louisville and Kentucky. Morgan earned a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Missouri, and a J.D. from the University of Kentucky School of Law.

Jonathan Miller Washington D.C. Partner-in-Charge Frost Brown Todd LLP

Jonathan Miller is a nationally-celebrated government relations professional and a leading advocate and attorney for the global hemp industry. Jonathan assists his broad client base ranging from Fortune 500 firms, to aspiring entrepreneurs, to non-profit associations - in navigating complex local, state and federal government institutions through his counsel on legal, public policy, political and public relations matters. Jonathan leads teams of lawyers, government relations professionals and economic development specialists in helping his clients achieve legislative victories, win and retain government contracts and incentives, develop and execute public-private partnerships, and survive and transcend crisis management episodes. Jonathan serves as Partner-in-Charge of the Firm's Washington, D.C. office, whose combination of public policy and regulatory experience, backed by the support of a fullservice law firm with offices in key markets.

SPEAKERS:

U.S. Senator Rand Paul 295 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Phone: (202) 224-4343

U.S. Senator Rand Paul, M.D., is one of the nation's leading advocates for liberty. Elected to the United States Senate in 2010, Dr. Paul has proven to be an outspoken champion for constitutional liberties and fiscal responsibility. As a fierce advocate against government overreach, Dr. Paul has fought tirelessly to return government to its limited, constitutional scope. As a hard-working and dedicated physician - not a career politician - Dr. Paul came to Washington to shake things up and to make a difference. Dr. Paul graduated from Duke Medical School in 1988. He completed a general surgery internship at Georgia Baptist Medical Center in Atlanta, Ga., and completed his residency in ophthalmology at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Paul founded the Southern Kentucky Lions Eye Clinic, an organization that provides eye exams and surgery to needy families and individuals. During his free time, Dr. Paul currently performs pro-bono eye surgeries for patients across Kentucky. Additionally, he provides free eye surgery to children from around the world.

Karyn Richman Principal

Cornerstone Government Affairs

Karyn Richman, a member of the firm's national security and health teams, has more than 20 years of legislative and political experience, along with a broad and diverse set of bipartisan relationships. She has significant expertise in national security, public health, and appropriations. Prior to joining Cornerstone, Karyn was a professional staff member on the House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Homeland Security. She had previously served on the committee from 2007-2011 and rejoined in 2017. Before rejoining the committee, she led the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Washington Office as the acting director and deputy director. Karyn's career in Washington began with a six-year tenure at the Office of Management and Budget, focusing on homeland security, emergency and public health preparedness, and biodefense issues. She holds a bachelor's degree from Lehigh University and a Master of Public Administration degree from Columbia University.

Will Smith Principal

Cornerstone Government Affairs

Will Smith, a 23-year veteran of Capitol Hill, brings to Cornerstone a deep knowledge and expertise in the federal appropriations and budget process. Prior to joining the firm in March 2017. Will served as the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations staff director. In this role, Will supervised and organized all aspects of Committee operations, including personnel, financial, oversight, communications and outreach - serving as the principal strategic and political advisor to Chairman Hal Rogers (R-KY). Will, a native of Beattyville. Kentucky started his career in Washington, DC in 1994 working for Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) in a variety of capacities, including as professional staff on the Senate Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee. Will joined Congressman Rogers' staff in February of 1998 as a senior legislative assistant and was promoted to legislative director one year later. He became Rogers' chief of staff in March of 2002 and served in that capacity until joining the Chairman on the Appropriations Committee in 2011. Will was prominently featured in some of Capitol Hill's leading news outlets as a top congressional staffer in his field, including Roll Call's Fabulous 50, and The Hill's 100 People to Watch.



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