



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY & CLIMATE ACTION TASK FORCE

Businesses across the state are highly invested in a clean environment and healthy economy for their communities and the future of Colorado, and they are increasingly interested in the intersection between public policy and environmental sustainability.

Our job creators are also challenged by the number of complex environmental regulations adopted over the last few years. A Colorado Chamber survey of businesses statewide revealed that the state's current regulatory environment continues to be a top challenge for their operations.

The Colorado Chamber believes there is a path for collaboration in addressing environmental sustainability with responsible, reasonable policies and regulations that are predictable and avoid a one-size-fits-all approach for businesses.

This Task Force will lead a collaborative effort to establish climate and sustainability principles and policies that address responsible production and provide the flexibility and tools businesses need to succeed.

OBJECTIVES:

Leveraging Business: It is primarily up to businesses to develop, finance and build the infrastructure to improve our environment. Bringing businesses and government together to collaborate on creative and solutions is key.

Policy Maker Education: Businesses are using innovative technological solutions to mitigate emissions. Awareness of those efforts among policymakers and regulators is critical for future regulatory actions.

Supportive Policy Solutions: Promoting flexible, not one-size-fits-all, policies will allow for more innovation and environmental progress.

GOALS OF THE TASK FORCE



Coalition Building

The Colorado Chamber will convene employers, operators and policy experts interested in the intersection between public policy and environmental sustainability.

Expert Facilitation

We will engage a facilitator with an expertise in environmental policy to help facilitate the discussion and establish a strategic framework for the Task Force.

Establish Principles

The Task Force will identify through collaboration and common ground a set of principles on climate policies and environmental sustainability.

Climate Innovations Led by Businesses

The Task Force will identify emissions-reduction technologies that businesses have invested in and incorporated into their operations for improving the environment.

Advocacy

The Task Force will identify, develop and advocate for proactive policies that allow businesses to effectively meet environmental sustainability expectations.

Partnership with Government

The Task Force will partner with policymakers on a balanced approach for the domestic production of resources that are critical in creating a sustainable environment.

Education

We will educate policymakers, regulators and the public on the sustainability and innovation efforts undertaken by businesses through sharing of data, best practices and information.

Awareness

We will share the principles and policy priorities established by the Task Force through statewide outreach and messaging with business partners, policy makers, regulators and the public.