

Greater Baltimore Committee

2026 Legislative Priorities



The Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) is the Baltimore Region's leading private-sector leadership organization, representing more than 300 companies, institutions, and civic partners across the city and six-county region. For seven decades, GBC has served as a platform for business leaders to align around shared priorities, mobilize private-sector capacity, and work in partnership with government to advance the region's long-term economic competitiveness.

GBC's work is grounded in a clear premise: durable regional progress requires private-sector leadership, a shared economic agenda, and the coordination necessary to translate policy and investment into results. Guided by its Multi-Year Agenda, GBC provides leadership across 12 priority initiatives spanning economic opportunity, transportation and infrastructure, and collective impact. By building shared frameworks, convening partners, and aligning governance and delivery, GBC ensures that state and federal policy and funding reinforce a regionally defined agenda and support measurable economic and community outcomes.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

GBC plays a central role in strengthening regional economic leadership and coordination: helping to establish shared direction, elevate the Baltimore Region's market credibility, and align public and private partners around long-term growth priorities. The organization led the creation of the Baltimore Region's first coordinated 10-year economic opportunity plan, *All In / 2035*, providing a common framework for collaboration across priority industries, strategic geographies, workforce alignment, and investment objectives.

To support execution of this agenda, GBC developed a unified regional economic brand through the Bold Moves strategy, reshaping how the Baltimore Region is understood by investors, site selectors, and federal decision-makers. GBC has also helped build the region's capacity to compete for and deploy federal resources by convening partners, coordinating complex initiatives, and establishing the Regional Innovation Office to support multi-partner execution, most notably through the region's successful federal Tech Hub designation.

Through the integration of UpSurge, GBC further strengthened the region's entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem by improving coordination among startups, capital providers, research institutions, and support organizations. This work enhances the region's ability to grow and retain high-potential companies while ensuring that innovation-driven growth aligns with broader regional economic priorities.

Together, these efforts position state and federal policy and funding as effective complements to a regionally defined agenda—allowing public investment to reinforce shared priorities and translate into sustained private-sector growth.

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Maryland Priorities

- Strengthening the region’s business environment through competitive tax policy, responsive incentives, business attraction tools, and streamlined permitting processes.
- Supporting execution of the Downtown RISE master plan through governance and funding mechanisms that reflect the public-private nature of the impact area.
- Advancing the governance and funding framework for the reimagining of the Baltimore Convention Center, consistent with task force recommendations.
- Expanding Maryland’s Tax Increment Financing (TIF) capacity to accelerate transformational projects across the region.
- Supporting continued development of Tradepoint Atlantic and the Sparrows Point Container Terminal as strategic regional economic assets.
- Aligning with the Moore-Miller economic agenda, including priority “lighthouse” initiatives outlined in *Maryland’s Winning the Decade*.

Federal Priorities

- Building sustained legislative and executive understanding of the Baltimore Region’s national economic importance.
- Securing full funding for the Economic Development Administration’s Tech Hubs program as a cornerstone of the CHIPS and Science Act.
- Advancing targeted federal funding requests that catalyze nationally significant regional projects.
- Supporting policies that activate strategic federal assets—including defense installations and federal land holdings—for their highest and best economic use.
- Advocating for federal policies that support innovation, entrepreneurship, workforce development, and strategic onshoring of manufacturing.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

The Baltimore Region’s transportation and infrastructure systems are foundational to economic growth and competitiveness. GBC provides private-sector leadership on the investments and policy frameworks required to modernize these systems and ensure they support long-term regional prosperity. Through the Baltimore’s Transit Future coalition, in partnership with the Greater Washington Partnership, GBC mobilizes business and civic leaders to support transit system improvements, expansion, and long-term sustainability. GBC also plays a coordinating role among public agencies, employers, and federal partners to help ensure that major infrastructure initiatives move from planning to execution and deliver regional impact.

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- Supporting implementation of the Bmore Bus plan to expand service frequency, reliability, and coverage across Baltimore's core bus network.
- Advancing practical pathways toward an East-West transportation solution in Baltimore (the Red Line).
- Prioritizing transit-oriented development and multi-modal connectivity to support regional economic growth.
- Supporting reforms to Maryland Transit Administration governance to improve project delivery and oversight.

Federal Priorities

- Ensuring long-term federal commitment to the B&P Tunnel Replacement Program and the comprehensive redevelopment of Baltimore Penn Station under the New Era Station Projects, critical to Northeast Corridor reliability and neighborhood revitalization.
- Sustaining federal partnership on the reconstruction of the Francis Scott Key Bridge and accelerating coordinated project delivery.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

GBC convenes private-sector leadership to address regional challenges that directly affect economic opportunity and quality of life. The organization plays a coordinating role in advancing solutions to Baltimore's vacant housing crisis, strengthening workforce alignment and local hiring through BLocal, and supporting public safety strategies that improve community stability and market confidence. By aligning policy, capital, and partners, GBC helps translate public-sector initiatives into durable, place-based outcomes—ensuring that investments in housing, workforce development, and public safety are mutually reinforcing and aligned with long-term strategies.

Maryland Priorities

- Aligning policy, capital, and partners to sustain Baltimore's multidisciplinary approach to crime prevention and workforce development, including BLocal.
- Sustaining funding and operational support for Reinvest Baltimore and related vacancy-reduction initiatives to protect affordability and restore distressed housing markets.
- Supporting proven crime-prevention and violence-intervention strategies through targeted engagement and outreach.

Federal Priorities

- Supporting targeted federal incentives for housing, commercial, and industrial development, including the Housing for the 21st Century Act.
- Advancing investment tools that support underserved and post-industrial communities, including Opportunity Zones.
- Advocating for federal programs that support community-led approaches to gun violence reduction and public safety.