

2008 Key Business Issue Survey

Please complete this survey and return it by mail or fax by **July 18, 2008**. Should you have any questions, contact the Government Affairs Department by phone at 814/833-3200 or [ssterrett@mbusa.org](mailto:sssterrett@mbusa.org).

	<u>SUPPORT</u>	<u>OPPOSE</u>	<u>NEUTRAL</u>
<u>EDUCATION</u>			
• Allow parents to use vouchers to send their children to any public school.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Encourage savings for college, rather than debt, by further reducing double taxation on savings for education.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Encourage the emergence of a market-driven education system by promoting accountability to parents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>			
• Reduce government regulation of the private sector.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Increase the federal minimum wage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Include sexual orientation in federal anti-discrimination laws.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>ENVIRONMENT/ENERGY</u>			
• Strengthen the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Water Act.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Strengthen the regulation and enforcement of the Clean Air Act.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Support domestic oil exploration in areas that are currently restricted.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Allow energy producers to trade pollution credits under "cap and trade" laws.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>HEALTH CARE</u>			
• Implement a universal healthcare program to guarantee coverage to all Americans, regardless of income.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Offer tax credits to individuals and small businesses to offset the cost of insurance coverage.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Providing healthcare is not a responsibility of the federal government.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>IMMIGRATION</u>			
• Decrease the number of legal immigrants allowed into the country.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Establish English as the official national language.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Support amnesty for illegal immigrants already working in the United States.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>TAXES</u>			
• Eliminate estate/death tax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Support a flat tax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Support a single-rate national sales tax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Lower the corporate tax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Repealing or reforming the Alternative Minimum Tax.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUPPORT OPPOSE NEUTRAL

TRADE

- United States imposing economic sanctions on China
- United States involvement in free trade agreements.
- United States involvement in intergovernmental organizations dedicated to trade.

Please rank, in order of importance, the following issues:

- _____ Education
- _____ Employment
- _____ Environment/Energy
- _____ Health Care
- _____ Immigration
- _____ Taxes
- _____ Trade

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- What are the greatest challenges facing the Pennsylvania business community?

- How would you spur economic growth?

- What is the role of government?

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