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Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce Convenes North Fulton Regional Leaders with Federal Elected Delegation Members in Washington, D.C.

North Fulton, GA (November 9, 2023) - The Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce held its annual Washington, D.C. Fly-In September 11-13, 2023, bringing together a dynamic group of North Fulton industry stakeholders and county and municipal leaders and to engage with federal leadership on current issues and advocate for policies beneficial to the North Fulton region. The Chamber's annual trip aims to increase collaborative relationships across North Fulton municipalities and industry types and highlight top-of-mind legislative issues for the region's business community. This year's Washington, D.C. Fly-In was presented by the North Fulton CID, recently re-named as TrueNorth400.

Among the delegation members that traveled together from North Fulton to Capitol Hill included two Fulton County Commissioners, Dana Barrett and Bridget Thorne, Alpharetta Mayor Jim Gilvin, Roswell Councilmember Lee Hills, Wellstar North Fulton Hospital President Jon Paul Croom, and Gwinnett Technical College President Glen Cannon.

Together, with one unified voice, Chamber members and community stakeholders had the opportunity to:

- Meet with North Fulton's Federal Congressional delegation including Senator Jon Ossoff, Senator Rev. Raphael Warnock, Congressman Rich McCormick, as well as key staff members from the office of Congresswoman Lucy McBath
- Raise policy questions and concerns relevant to our mission of fostering a robust economic environment where businesses thrive
- Connect and strengthen collaborative relationships across municipalities and industry sectors

This year's Washington, D.C. Fly-In consisted of two days of policy discussions beginning with U.S. Chamber of Commerce experts, including VP Immigration Policy Jon Baselice, VP Transportation Infrastructure John Drake, and Chief Economist Curtis Dubay, followed by a Congressional Agenda Outlook with Dentons Senior Policy Analyst Gary Goldberg. Trip attendees then took legislative meetings on Capitol Hill with Senators Ossoff and Warnock, Congressman McCormick, and Congresswoman McBath's team members where discussions emphasized the value of collaboration between public and private stakeholders and policymakers to create a thriving North Fulton region that fosters innovation, grows business, develops talent, and leads regional prosperity.

When asked about the most beneficial elements of attending GNFC's D.C. Fly-In, Jim Teel, Regional Vice President of Goodwyn Mills and Cawood and GNFC Chair Elect, said, "Being part of a group like the Greater North Fulton Chamber in many ways legitimizes your thoughts, comments, and requests [to Federal elected officials] as opposed to me just firing off an email out of left field. When they have the opportunity to meet you with a reputable group... it puts you among the right company and in the right position to bring up important issues... There is strength in numbers and having that unified business and government leadership approach from our region advocating for the betterment of our community is important; and personally, for me, it's energizing."

The Chamber remains dedicated to supporting our region's businesses and promoting their interests on the national level. To hear additional details and anecdotes from this year's Washington D.C. Fly-In, check out the latest episode of the GNFC 400 Insider podcast on Business Radio X.

<https://businessradiox.com/podcast/the-gnfc-400-insider/d-c-fly-in-recap-with-jim-teel-goodwyn-mills-and-cawood-and-tim-perry-north-american-properties-atlanta/>

To see this year's Washington, D.C. Fly-In trip photo gallery and recap video, check out the Advocacy page at GNFC.com.

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<https://www.gnfc.com/about-the-chamber/the-chamber/news/washington-dcfly-in>

About The Greater North Fulton Chamber (GNFC)

The Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce is a private, nonprofit, member-driven organization comprising over 1,300 business enterprises, civic organizations, educational institutions, and individuals. The mission of GNFC is to grow business, develop talent, and lead regional prosperity across the region and the six cities within its service area—Alpharetta, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Roswell, and Sandy Springs. Learn more at GNFC.com.