

AFRICAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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Senator Bob Casey Scheduled To Speak At Breakfast Business Meeting with the African American Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce

(Pittsburgh, PA – August 1, 2012) The Honorable Robert P. Casey, United States Senator, will meet with members and guests of the African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania, and the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce at the Oxford Center Rivers Club in Downtown Pittsburgh on August 24th.

The discussion will be facilitated by Bill Flanagan with the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, and is expected to be primarily about improving legislation for our region's small businesses and organizations. According to Doris Carson Williams, President and CEO of the African American Chamber "Senator Casey's request to engage the African American Chamber is the type of support small business owners expect from Washington, and is a prudent decision to better understand the need of small business for legislation coming out of Washington. As a result we have asked the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce to join with us for this special meeting."

Senator Casey has voted for legislation that provided tens of billions in capital for small businesses to expand their operations. The Senator served eight years as Pennsylvania Auditor General and two years as State Treasurer. He currently serves on five Senate committees: Foreign Relations; Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry; Health, Education, Labor and Pensions; Special Committee on Aging and the new Chairman of the Joint Economic Committee.

The Breakfast Business Meeting is the second of two special breakfasts held over the summer. The African American Chamber of Commerce recently held a Special Breakfast Meeting with Auditor General Jack Wagner to discuss the Commonwealth's new budget, and its effect on small business.

The African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania has over 500 members and supporters, and is ranked the 11th largest Chamber in the region. The mission of the Chamber is to continuously improve business and professional opportunities for African American Business Owners and professionals.

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