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Chamber Hosts Fly-In of Delegation of Parish and Business Leaders to Washington, D.C. to Address Business-Related Issues

METAIRIE, LA – The <u>Jefferson Chamber of Commerce</u> will host 35 business leaders and locally elected officials for a trip to Washington, D.C. from September 10-12 to discuss and promote the Chamber's federal legislative agenda, including EPA requirements, workforce training, transportation and infrastructure, and issues that affect small businesses, such as cash accounting and angel investors.

"This trip gives our business leaders from small and large companies a chance to have dialogue with our congressional delegation face to face," said Todd Murphy, Jefferson Chamber President. "Through our discussions with industry experts and governmental agencies, we are better able to understand the issues that impact our region. As in previous trips, we continue to focus on flood insurance, transportation and energy. This year, we add to the discussion our chamber's position on angel investor availability and changes to cash accounting rules for small businesses, to name a few."

According to a <u>poll</u> conducted by the Congressional Management Foundation, 46 percent of surveyed congressional staffers said that in-person visits are very influential in helping them form opinions.

The Washington Fly-In is an event that is organized by the Government Committee of the Jefferson Chamber and is sponsored by Adams and Reese LLP, Peoples Health, and Entergy.

For more information on the Washington, D.C. Fly-In Conference, please visit <u>www.jeffersonchamber.org</u> or contact Emilie Riser at (504) 835-3880, ext. 12 or <u>emilie@jeffersonchamber.org</u>.

About the Jefferson Chamber:

The Jefferson Chamber is a leading voice for Jefferson Parish's business community. As a non-profit, membership-driven organization, the Chamber is an effective advocate for small and large businesses at the local, state and federal levels. The Chamber's mission is to work for the advancement of the business community; to enhance the economic, civic and cultural environment; and to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson Chamber is Four-Star Accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2013 Chamber of the Year Award by the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives in the Large Chamber Category.

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