



2020 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- The *MCCC* recognizes the importance of local healthcare options and finds it imperative that **Fairmont Regional Medical Center** remains open and serves the residents of not only Marion County, but surrounding counties as well. Our elected officials must continue to support FRMC 's future stability and the continuity of care for all residents.
- Our elected officials must ensure that the best opportunities are provided for students in higher education. Marion County is fortunate to have both **Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College** and we must continue our support for both institutions as they move forward providing the highest level of education & training for students throughout the region.
- The *MCCC* requests that continued support for **public education** be given with adequate funding to ensure the continuity of quality education in the Pre-K-12 system.
- The legislative and executive branches of West Virginia's government must make investment in the continued growth of a state knowledge sector a higher priority. This is vital both for economic diversification and to rebalance our workforce demographic with a larger ratio of workers with higher educational attainment. West Virginia will never realize its full potential or adequately participate in the national economy without this sector. **Marion County's I-79 Technology Park** is leading the state towards this important goal and making great progress. State funding must be provided for infrastructure and operational support of the I-79 Technology Park to not only keep the progress going but accelerate it.
- The *MCCC* supports the **North Central WV Airport (CKB)** as our regional asset with a goal to double the economic impact to \$2.2 billion. This includes but is not limited to: supporting continued development of the AeroTech Park and new terminal so existing employers can be helped to expand and create jobs; support aviation and aerospace training & education initiatives to ensure a constant skilled labor pool including supporting K-12 and higher-ed STEM aviation curriculum & programs, and specific ongoing aerospace skill specific workforce training
- **Route 250** between Muriales and Wood's Boathouse continues to be a dangerous public safety issue due to the numerous rockslides occurring.
 - The *MCCC* encourages legislators to continue work with the DOH and support necessary funding for a **permanent** fix to secure the hillside.
- The *MCCC* is part of a **regional housing initiative** recognizing current & future housing opportunities within the region. We ask that our legislators be aware of this initiative and work with the committee in helping ensure that these opportunities are affordable and can attract quality contractors.
- The *MCCC* request DOH grant funding for a plan to **upgrade I-79 Exit 139 and Speedway Ave.** to allow better access for active and new development sites including the former Owens Illinois and Sharon Steel sites.