

2017

Federal Policy and Advocacy Priorities

Invest in transportation and infrastructure:

- Ensure continued support for top-projects:
 - I-74 Bridge
 - I-80 Bridge
 - Quad Cities – Chicago Passenger Rail Service
- Enhance Fixing America's Structure Transportation (FAST) Act opportunities:
 - Increase funding for: Amtrak National Network Account, Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI), and Restoration and Enhancement Group (REG)
 - Expand CRISI eligibility to include station and station area development and track improvements
 - Expand REG authority to include operating costs and remove the 750-mile requirement
 - Remove FASTLANE funding cap for non-highway freight projects
- Provide substantial funding for Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

Ensure the Rock Island Arsenal is a successful and valuable national asset:

- Ensure arsenals have sufficient workload to maintain skills:
 - Ensure sufficient Department of Defense (DoD) contracts and workload are awarded to arsenals to main critical capabilities, as previously directed by Congress
 - Pass legislation allowing flexibility in labor rate to ensure arsenals are competitive and enhance public-private partnerships
 - Direct the DoD to ensure carry-over rules are interpreted the same across all branches of service
- Relocate federal and DoD entities that currently lease space to fill vacant space at federal facilities
- Outfit United States Army Corps of Engineers dams with hydropower to meet NetZero goals and reduce overhead cost at Rock Island Arsenal and Iowa Army Ammunition Plant

Strengthen long-term energy production and access:

- Implement a Federal Investment Tax Credit for nuclear generation
- Invest and improve access and management of the energy grid
- Streamline and expedite the process for hydropower licensing

Enact trade policies that provide access to foreign markets and ensure U.S. businesses are not disadvantaged:

- Pass the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)
- Ensure enforcement of World Trade Organization (WTO) trade rules
- Crackdown on unfair foreign practices such as currency manipulation and 'dumping'

Establish a formal process and designate involved agencies to work with communities, businesses, and homeowners to appeal flood maps and mitigate flooding impact.