

State Issues, National Impact



Last Friday's State of American Business [Policy Power Hour](#) tackled emerging issues at the state and local level that are affecting businesses, from data privacy and employment policy to regulatory climates and legal reform.

Small business impact: Russell Dunn, Owner of Maid in Texas, moved his business from California to Texas in 2017 for less regulation.

- On doing business in California, he said: “We converted to using independent contractors and that was driven a lot by the regulations in California that are hindering the ability of companies to operate and grow...It was almost like the state of California was constantly tightening the screws and making things more and more difficult.”

State issues: Leaders of business groups in Alabama, New Jersey and California discussed the landscape and policy priorities impacting businesses in their states.

- “If we want to have a 21st century workforce and jobs, we have to have 21st century infrastructure,” said Katie Boyd Britt, President and CEO, Business Council of Alabama.
- “In order to improve the competitiveness not only of New Jersey, but of America, we need to have more diversity around the table, but once they get around the table they must speak up,” said John Harmon, Founder, President, and CEO, African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey.

- “In California...we’ve created these [technology] platforms that enable people to work anywhere....One of our agendas is to make sure that we retain that talent,” said Allan Zaremberg, President and CEO, California State Chamber of Commerce.

In the courts: Stephen Waguespack, President of the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, shed light on what’s happening in his state: “Over the years, we have allowed a legal climate to grow and fester here that has chased away jobs and investment and has increased costs for consumer goods all across the state.”

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