

## Chamber's Clark Talks About the Worker Shortage Crisis and Taxes on Axios on HBO



On [Axios on HBO](#) this past Sunday, Chamber President and CEO Suzanne Clark discussed the worker shortage crisis and fighting job-killing tax hikes.

**Not enough workers:** “This is the biggest economic challenge of our time. And the issue is we have too many people without jobs and too many jobs without people,” Clark explained to Axios’ Mike Allen. 90% of state and local chambers “say their biggest challenge to growing in their communities is a workforce shortage.”

- "I went to Rehoboth [Delaware] over the weekend, took my teenager to the beach," she said. "And the number of restaurants, the number of small businesses that have restricted their hours, that aren't serving lunch, or aren't open at all because of the workforce shortage is tragic."

**Removing barriers to working:** Ending supplemental unemployment benefits is one part of the solution. We also need to reopen schools and improve access to childcare, Clark said.

- **Dig deeper:** The Chamber launched the [America Works Initiative](#) to help employers develop and discover the talent they need.

**Opposing tax increases:** “This is a moment of growth, a moment of innovation,” said Clark. “We have this moment where we can have a [great economic resurgence](#), and instead we have policies that would make us have the highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world.”

- **Read more:** Chamber Senior Economist Curtis Dubay examined how proposed tax increases would [threaten American competitiveness](#).