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## Press Release

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### **The Chamber endorses current County Commissioners in upcoming election**

*Current commissioners have supported a pro-business environment*

The Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Board of Directors has voted to endorse the following candidates for Berks County Commissioner: Kevin Barnhardt; Christian Leinbach; and Mark Scott.

"The collective non-partisan accomplishments of the current Berks County Commissioners focused on creating and sustaining a pro-business environment" said Ellen T. Horan, Chamber President & CEO. "These Commissioners have worked effectively with the Chamber to promote key economic priorities for our region with both state and federal officials. They continue to target cutting debt and controlling spending."

The GRCCI Endorsement Taskforce follows an established process when deciding to endorse candidates seeking re-election, as well as candidates in open-seat races.

The Endorsement Taskforce considers the following when making their recommendation to the Chamber Board:

1. Does the contest offer a clear choice between candidates who support the Chamber's mission and values and those who do not?
2. Will the outcome of the election have an important impact on public policy decisions affecting business, economic development, jobs and quality of life?
3. Will the Chamber Endorsement participation make a difference in the outcome of the election?
4. Has the Chamber been asked to participate by members or allied interests or would it matter to them if we did participate?

### **ABOUT THE GREATER READING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

As a five-star accredited Chamber, we are the business voice of Greater Reading and a catalyst for a vibrant, growing community. The leader in business assistance, the Chamber connects businesses to resources, provides marketing and networking opportunities, and training to develop the skills of our local workforce. Together with our members, the Chamber advocates for a strong local economy by speaking with one voice on important issues to make Greater Reading a great place to live and work. The approximately 1,500-member companies employ a workforce of over 90,000 people in Greater Reading area.