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Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce names State Senator Matt Smith as President

(PITTSBURGH – May 27, 2015) – The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, has named State Senator Matt Smith as its incoming president.

The Chamber advocates in Harrisburg and Washington, D.C. to improve the economy and the quality of life in the Pittsburgh region. Senator Smith, 42, currently represents the 37th Senatorial District and is expected to resign his seat before joining the Chamber in June.

“While in office I have focused my efforts on growing the economy and creating jobs and I’ve done that with a commitment to bipartisanship. As I make this transition from elected office, I’m excited to take the knowledge and perspective I’ve gained in Harrisburg and bring them home to help advance the Pittsburgh region,” said Smith.

“We’re pleased to welcome Senator Smith as our new president and look forward to his leadership as we work together to advocate on critical issues that will shape our region’s future,” said Laura E. Ellsworth, chair, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and Partner-in-Charge, Pittsburgh office, Jones Day.

Prior to his service in the PA Senate, Senator Smith served three terms in the PA House of Representatives. Before entering elected office, he worked as an attorney with the Babst Calland law firm in Pittsburgh and is currently “Of Counsel” to the firm. Born and raised in Bethel Park, he holds a BA in History from Rollins College (FL) and a law degree from Duquesne University. He lives in Mt. Lebanon with his wife Eileen and their three children. Senator Smith replaces Chamber President Dewitt Peart who left the region earlier this year to take a position as president and CEO of the Downtown Austin Alliance (TX).

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