



Caesar Rodney Institute 2015 Approved Policy and Advocacy Areas

The items listed below represent the areas of focus that have been approved by the CRI Board. Prior Board approval must be obtained before engaging CRI in activities other than those generally related to the items below.

Center for Education Excellence

1. Promoting Education Empowerment Savings Accounts for lower income families with end goal of passing legislation in 2016.
2. Promote easy to understand reporting and analysis of school performance and finances
3. Promote efforts to improve literacy among Delaware school children.
4. Study the developing outlines of how students receive an education, including online learning, self-directed learning and personalized curricula.
5. As part of Right to Work, promote changing the law to allow teachers to join or not join union and eliminate dues collection through mandatory payroll deductions.

Center for Energy Competitiveness

1. Promote elimination or alteration of the 25% renewable mandate by 2025 and find ways to decrease the cost of the RPS on Delaware ratepayers including implementing a Cost Cap Freeze, and alter net-metering rates.
2. Promote Delaware's withdraw from RGGI, including pursuing suit filed to overturn RGGI fee increase, and showing poor use of the tax revenue at the SEU.
3. Support SPN national effort to defeat the EPA rules on existing power plants that will result in a national carbon tax, poor reliability, and higher electric prices.

4. Promote solutions to Delaware's high energy costs with a focus on building a natural gas pipeline and natural gas and nuclear powered electric generation infrastructure.

Center for Economic Policy Analysis

1. Promote improvements to Delaware's business climate and economic competitiveness, including correcting the prevailing wage calculation, seeking phase out of gross receipts tax, lowering corporate taxes, streamlining permit processes, particularly at DNREC and DELDOT, and seeking passage of a Right to Work law.
2. Advocate for reductions in personal income and gross receipts tax rates.
3. Raise awareness and propose solutions to Delaware's funding gap for state supported pensions and healthcare.
4. Advocate for accountability and reform in the use of state incentives intended to create jobs.

Center for Healthcare Policy

1. Monitor the impact of the federal Affordable Healthcare Act and Delaware's implementation thereof, including with respect to whether implementation can legally be slowed or halted.
2. Monitor and propose solutions to Delaware's growing Medicaid expense.