

2025 Washington, D.C. Fly-In



As part of the Cobb Chamber's mission to advance pro-business initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels, a delegation of 51 business and civic leaders visited the nation's capital from September 15 to 17, delivering the 2025 Federal Agenda to members of the Georgia Congressional Delegation and agency staff.

This document highlights the accomplishments that our participants achieved during our time in Washington, D.C. It is our hope that you will share with your colleagues as an illustration of the return on investment for your participation.

Collaborating with our members, the annual Washington, D.C. Fly-In exemplifies how the Cobb Chamber advocates and partners to enhance the state's business climate. During our time on 'The Hill', we jointly present our federal legislative agenda, as approved by the Cobb Chamber Board of Directors. Our goal is to help attendees forge valuable connections with members of Cobb County's congressional delegation, federal officials, and each other. This annual trip is one of the many ways the Chamber unites Cobb's business community to present a cohesive voice to our elected officials and civic leaders at the local, state, and federal levels.

The Chamber cannot provide opportunities such as this without the support and investment of our sponsors. We thank Freeman Mathis Decisions and The Home Depot for being our co-presenting sponsors. In addition, we thank Cumberland Community Improvement District and Town Center Community Improvement District for their annual transportation sponsorship and the following program, dinner and reception sponsors: Arylescence, Axis Infrastructure, Brasfield & Gorrie, Georgia Power, Gas South, Kennesaw State University, Lockheed Martin, MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service, Metro Atlanta Chamber and RaceTrac.

2025 Event Recap

While in Washington, D.C., the Cobb Chamber delegation exhibited a strong commitment to representing our 2,600 member organizations comprehensively. Their efforts encompassed a range of critical issues, including fostering a resilient economy, responsible investments in infrastructure and transportation enhancements, a renewed focus on healthcare options for businesses, and safeguarding the vitality of our military resources and the continued support of the surrounding defense community.

During meetings with elected officials and federal agency representatives, Chamber President & CEO Sharon Mason, along with fellow Chamber delegates, effectively conveyed the essential messages outlined in our 2025 Federal Legislative Agenda. They also provided copies of this agenda to key personnel within the offices of senators and congressional members, fostering productive discussions. Below, we summarize the feedback and communication received from members of our congressional delegation.

Photos can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/2025dcflyin>.

Day 1: Monday, September 15

While some participants flew in Sunday evening to maximize time on the Hill with meetings Monday morning, many arrived in our nation's capital city Monday afternoon and chose to either enjoy the evening on their own or attend the Braves vs. Washington Nationals ballgame as guests of our Immediate Past Board Chairman Mike Plant, President & CEO of the Braves Development Company. The night was capped off with a Braves win and fellowship afterward at the historic Round Robin Bar at the Willard Hotel.



Day 2: Tuesday, September 16

This year, the bulk of the activities for the Fly-In landed on Tuesday. The group started off with a welcome breakfast, where participants heard from President and CEO Sharon Mason on the importance of the visit and how it plays into the Chamber's advocacy platform. Co-presenting sponsors Trey Paris of Freeman Mathis Decisions and Justin Damiano of The Home Depot delivered sponsorship remarks, sharing why their companies invest in the Chamber's advocacy efforts. Executive Vice President of Advocacy and Government Relations Amanda Seals set the tone for the attendees about who they would be meeting with and what the current political climate would be as the Congress nears the end of its current fiscal year. Sharon Mason then introduced the first set of speakers of the day.

U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Tim Monahan, Vice President at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, outlined 2025 policy priorities under the second Trump administration and 118th Congress. Post-2024 election, with Republicans controlling Congress and the White House, the Chamber prioritized making the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) permanent via budget reconciliation, signed into law by July 2025. Key benefits include a 20% pass-through deduction, immediate expensing for capital and R&D, enhanced interest deductibility, and increased childcare write-offs.



Monahan highlighted tariffs as a major challenge for small and mid-sized businesses, disrupting supply chains and growth. The Chamber is advocating for tariff reductions by year-end, emphasizing trade stability and economic expansion.

The Chamber's 2025 agenda focuses on:

- Permitting Reform: Bipartisan efforts to streamline federal permitting to boost economic growth.
- AI Policy: Advocating federal preemption to avoid inconsistent state regulations and foster innovation.
- Immigration Reform: Addressing labor shortages through potential post-midterm reforms to support economic expansion.

Additional initiatives include:

- National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA): Expected to pass by late 2025, addressing defense and security needs.
- 2026 Infrastructure Bill: Targeting modernization of highways, trains, and ports.



Christopher Guith, Senior Vice President of the Chamber's Global Energy Institute, emphasized reforming the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). A 2022 debt ceiling deal marked the first significant NEPA changes in decades, but permitting delays—averaging five years, up to 15 for transmission lines—continue to hinder investment. Guith cited bipartisan support, including from Senators Warren and Cruz, and highlighted the SPEED Act, a House bill to streamline permitting.

He urged attendees to advocate for reform to support energy, infrastructure, and broadband projects, and to share local insights on data center impacts, like water strain in Georgia, to inform policy. Guith stressed that bipartisan compromise and collective advocacy are critical for progress, warning that inaction is the default in D.C. without sustained pressure.

Next Stop, Meetings at the U.S. Capitol

After hearing from the U.S. Chamber officials, the group moved locations to hear from both of Georgia's U.S. Senators and Cobb County's three members of Congress.

SENATOR JON OSSOFF

Co-Presenting Sponsor, Justin Damiano of The Home Depot, introduced Senator Jon Ossoff to the group.

Senator Ossoff emphasized that his office's work centers on addressing Georgia's immediate and long-term needs, steering clear of the "noise" of national political headlines. He credited partnerships with the Chamber and its members for shaping his Senate agenda. "The reality of the work that my office does is serving immediate and long-term needs for the state of Georgia," Ossoff said, underscoring the value of bipartisan relationships over media controversies.

Ossoff highlighted several of his key accomplishments. Through the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), he helped to secure \$133 million for Cobb County infrastructure projects. The IIJA has driven significant investments in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, electric vehicle production, battery manufacturing, and semiconductors.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Ossoff spoke about his priority of investing in our military stating that he secured the highest level of military construction funding for Georgia since 2010. Notable projects include upgrading C-130H to C-130J aircraft, procuring 10 new C-130Js, and modernizing facilities at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Robins Air Force Base, Moody Air Force Base, Fort Stewart, and Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base.

Ossoff spotlighted the Revising Existing Procedures on Reporting via Technology Act (REPORT), a bipartisan bill passed with TN Senator Marsha Blackburn, which mandates that social media platforms and tech companies report evidence of child sexual enticement or trafficking to authorities.

Responding to concerns about the U.S. Postal Service, Ossoff recounted the "mail apocalypse" at the Palmetto regional distribution center, where on-time delivery rates in North Georgia plummeted to 35% due to management failures. After pressing USPS leadership, improvements have been made, with delivery rates approaching the national average. However, Ossoff noted ongoing issues with crime and theft in postal facilities, calling for more aggressive action from postal inspectors and the Department of Justice.



In response to a question about immigration, Ossoff criticized the current administration's "draconian" interior enforcement policies, which he said focus on mass detentions rather than targeting criminals. He also reflected on the Biden administration's border security failures, advocating for a "sensible middle way" that combines strong border security with a pathway to legal status for law-abiding immigrants with deep community ties.



Ossoff raised alarms about credible reports of human rights violations in detention centers, including physical and sexual abuse, and emphasized that such practices contradict American principles.

Ossoff addressed a range of audience questions, from modernizing Dobbins Air Reserve Base to streamlining permitting for infrastructure projects. He expressed frustration with the lengthy National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, calling for modernization to expedite projects like power transmission lines.

SENATOR RAPHAEL WARNOCK

After being introduced by Co-Presenting Sponsor Trey Paris of Freeman Mathis Decisions, Senator Raphael Warnock spoke to the Fly-In delegation emphasizing his commitment to Georgia's economic vitality and social well-being. Highlighting his efforts during the pandemic, Warnock discussed how he secured critical funding for businesses, advocated for infrastructure upgrades, and expanded access to capital for small and minority-owned enterprises. He talked about championing job training, education initiatives, and measures to cap insulin costs, reduce gun violence, and protect voting rights.

With a looming September 30th government funding deadline, Warnock urged bipartisan cooperation to avoid a shutdown, which he warned would harm the economy. He expressed deep concern over proposed Medicaid cuts that could strip healthcare from 15 million Americans, driving up premiums and straining small businesses.

He also highlighted his advocacy for modernizing Dobbins Air Force Base and supporting transportation projects, including rail infrastructure, to bolster Georgia's economy.

Addressing recent political violence, Warnock condemned such acts as anti-democratic, referencing a conversation with Newt Gingrich and his Senate floor speech against a recent shooting. He called for unity, stating, "We're all we've got," and emphasized mental health as a critical component of healthcare, advocating for more counselors in schools and better resources for local jails.

Responding to audience questions, Warnock supported telehealth expansion and rural broadband to improve healthcare access, particularly in rural areas facing hospital closures due to Medicaid cuts. He also pledged to pursue earmarks for community projects, such as Cobb County's public health center and Chattahoochee River access initiatives.

Warnock closed by expressing gratitude for the community's engagement and reaffirmed his belief in America's potential, urging collective action to ensure opportunities for all. His speech underscored a vision of bipartisan collaboration and inclusive growth for Georgia.



CONGRESSWOMAN LUCY MCBATH



MetroAtlanta Ambulance Service CEO Pete Quinones, another Fly-In program sponsor, introduced Congresswoman Lucy McBath before her address to the audience. As she was given a brief pass from the Judiciary Committee meeting, which was in progress, she was unable to offer time for questions.

During her remarks, she emphasized the importance of the Cobb Chamber visit, and its impact on her work as a public servant. She expressed gratitude for their presence, noting that “fly-ins” help keep the Georgia delegation focused on the needs of Cobb County and the state. McBath

highlighted the critical role of direct communication in building relationships to better serve her constituents.

McBath, who serves on the Education and Workforce Committee, underscored her commitment to workforce development, a key priority for Georgia and Cobb County. During the recent congressional recess, she talked about her visits to advanced manufacturers, with business leaders, and the Port of Savannah to understand the region’s workforce needs. She repeatedly heard the demand for skilled workers and emphasized the need for training programs to meet these demands efficiently. McBath advocated for the reauthorization of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and passage of the TRAIN Act, which aims to allocate millions of dollars to community colleges and technical schools for skills training. She stressed the importance of accessible education for all, especially for those unable to afford a four-year degree, given the growing diversity in the Atlanta metropolitan area.

Additionally, she addressed the rapid growth in Cobb County, praising its leadership in securing funds and building partnerships for transportation and infrastructure projects. Notable examples include the Acres Mill Ramp project and developments around Truist Park and The Battery Atlanta. McBath committed to securing federal funding to support these initiatives as the region continues to grow.

McBath concluded by emphasizing her office’s dedication to constituent services, noting their recognition as the top Democratic office for constituent services in the nation. She encouraged continued engagement, welcomed requests for federal support, and reaffirmed her commitment to serving Cobb County.

CONGRESSMAN BARRY LOUDERMILK

Chamber Chairman and program sponsor Chris Britton of Brasfield and Gorrie introduced Congressman Barry Loudermilk to the group. The Congressman opened his remarks by announcing that he has introduced H.R. 5362 to the name Marietta VA Multispecialty Clinic after former Cobb County Commission Chair Colonel Michael H. Boyce. He expressed pride in leading this bipartisan effort, noting its significance as a lasting tribute to Boyce’s contributions.

Loudermilk discussed efforts to avoid a government shutdown by proposing a continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding, likely until mid-November or January 2026. He expressed frustration with the appropriations process, noting that only three of the required bills have been completed. Loudermilk advocated for modernizing the 1972 Budget Act, which he said has not been followed consistently since the 1990s, to streamline federal spending and restore regular order.

The congressman also highlighted the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), recently passed by the House, emphasizing its importance to Georgia’s defense industry, particularly Lockheed Martin. He detailed reforms to the Department of Defense’s procurement process, including a shift to multi-year contracts for cost savings and stability. Loudermilk underscored the need for efficiency, citing the NDAA’s accompanying report on streamlining defense acquisitions.



In addition, he addressed challenges in regulatory culture, particularly within agencies like the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). He recounted a conversation with SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler, who described a bureaucratic mindset focused on denying rather than supporting businesses. Loudermilk criticized the adversarial relationship between agencies and industries, advocating for a customer-focused approach. He also highlighted his TAILOR Act, which aims to customize regulations based on business models and risk profiles, rather than a one-size-fits-all approach.

Loudermilk emphasized improving customer service standards across federal agencies, noting that only the Veterans Administration has implemented such measures. He cited a successful initiative from the first Trump administration that tracked veterans' experiences from enlistment to burial, proposing similar standards for all agencies to reduce public frustration and enhance accountability.

Responding to questions from the group, the Congressman acknowledged the nonprofit sector's role as a safety net, urging better communication to identify and support effective organizations while addressing waste. He also discussed transportation funding, supporting direct appropriations for projects in Cobb County and advocating for streamlined permitting processes to reduce costs and delays. Loudermilk endorsed block grants to states for faster, cheaper infrastructure projects, drawing on past efficiencies.

CONGRESSWOMAN MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE



The final guest of the day was Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene, introduced by program sponsor Casey Tanner, Vice President of External Affairs at Kennesaw State University. Congresswoman Greene shared her legislative agenda as well as her commitment to her constituents. As a lifelong businesswoman with a background in construction and real estate, Greene emphasized fiscal responsibility, community investment, and economic growth.

Greene highlighted a bill she introduced to eliminate capital gains taxes on the sale of primary residences, a measure she believes will significantly benefit homeowners. With home values rising rapidly, she argued that the current tax structure penalizes those who have built substantial equity. She shared that the bill has garnered support from the President, congressional colleagues, and the Realtors Association, positioning it as a bipartisan opportunity to stimulate the economy.

These funds, she argued, could be reinvested into the economy through new home purchases or other expenditures. In response to an audience question, she clarified that the bill targets primary homeowners, not companies flipping properties, ensuring the focus remains on individual families.

Another piece of legislation that she highlighted is her Protect Children's Innocence Act, which would make it a felony to provide hormone blockers, hormones, or sex change surgeries to minors under 18. Greene framed the bill as a protective measure for children, whom she described as a "precious resource" navigating a challenging phase of life. She emphasized that minors who cannot yet vote, join the military, or purchase alcohol, should not be fast-tracked into irreversible medical decisions. The bill, she noted, enjoys bipartisan support.

Greene expressed concern about the rising cost of living, particularly in areas like health and car insurance, which she believes are under-discussed by her party. She also addressed workforce shortages, particularly in healthcare, in response to a question about a proposed hospital in Acworth. Greene advocated for incentivizing students to pursue medical careers to reduce reliance on foreign professionals. She stressed the importance of affordable education to prevent excessive student loan debt, ensuring young people can enter the workforce without financial strain.

On the topic of government funding, Greene voiced frustration with the proposed CR to extend the federal budget until November 20, 2025. She criticized the approach as "kicking the can down the road" and argued for a more robust appropriations process that directs tax dollars back to local communities. As a self-described "board member of 435," she emphasized her duty to secure funding for infrastructure projects like roads and water systems in her district.

FLY-IN RECEPTION AND DINNER

Despite the monsoon that descended upon Washington, D.C. late Tuesday afternoon, the annual Fly-In Reception and Dinner was an unprecedented success. In total, the Chamber hosted 17 federal guests, which included Congressman Barry Loudermilk and the following key staff:

Chief of Staff and Legislative Directors:

- Rob Adkerson, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Loudermilk
- Rey Benitez, Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Rebecca Walldorff, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. McBath
- Anna Cullen, Legislative Director, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Josh Delaney, Legislative Director, Office of Sen. Warnock
- Anna Kenna, Legislative Director, Office of Rep. Greene
- Ashleigh Padgett, Legislative Director/Deputy Chief of Staff, Rep. Loudermilk
- Ty Sharp, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Greene
- Ian Spears, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. McBath

Additional Congressional Staff:

- Annette Christie, Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Warnock
- Caroline Ehlich, Scheduler, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Tyler Hofmann-Reardon, Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Warnock
- Kenya Garcia, Deputy Scheduler & Asst. to the Chief of Staff, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Eric Johnson, Senior Advisor, Military Affairs, Office of Rep. Loudermilk
- Samantha Lucas, Legislative Assistant, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Chelsey Murphy, Legislative Correspondent, Office of Sen. Ossoff
- Austin Myhre, Legislative Correspondent, Office of Sen. Warnock



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Day 3: Wednesday, September 17

Due to the timing of the 2025 trip, opportunities were sought for small groups to visit various federal locations prior to departure to the airport.



GROUP A – THE PENTAGON

A group of attendees visited the Pentagon and met with Major General David W. Smith, Deputy Chief of the Air Force Reserve, and Major General Melissa Coburn, Director of Air Force Reserve Personnel. The discussion focused on key priorities from the Chamber's partners at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, including improving childcare access for reservists, ensuring timely and equitable equipment fielding, recapitalizing Lockheed Martin's C-130J aircraft at Dobbins, and advocating against Continuing Resolutions to our congressional delegation.

Following the meeting, the group toured the Pentagon, exploring sections dedicated to various military branches. The visit concluded with a meeting with Mr. Chris Sims,

Deputy Under Secretary of the U.S. Army.

GROUP B – SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Fifteen attendees went to the Small Business Administration office to meet with the new SBA Administrator Kelly Loeffler and her leadership team. The SBA Administrator is a member of the President's cabinet and is unique as it is the only cabinet-level federal agency fully dedicated to small businesses.

Administrator Loeffler gave an overview of the administration's priorities as well as expanded initiatives of the SBA including increased focus on putting American manufacturers first, small business resource hubs, veterans business outreach, SCORE business mentoring, business loans, and disaster relief. Attendees asked questions and discussed with Administrator Loeffler about increasing access to capital for small businesses, helping veterans in career transitions for starting small businesses, partnerships with local chambers and universities, and workforce upskilling in partnership with the Department of Labor.



GROUP C - TREASURER OF THE UNITED STATES



This small group met with the Treasurer of the United States, Brandon Beach. They heard how the Georgian received his appointment by the President to the role, and the various responsibilities that fall under his position within the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Perhaps the most unknown duty is that the Treasurer oversees the Office of Tribal and Native Affairs, which emphasizes the federal government's trust and treaty responsibilities to promote economic prosperity, financial inclusion, and sovereignty for approximately 574 federally recognized tribes across 326 reservations covering over 56 million acres of trust lands. The visit concluded with a tour of the historic Treasury's West Wing, completed in 1864, which fronts the White House, and is a national historic landmark that served as President Andrew Johnson's temporary White House immediately following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln in 1865.

GROUP D – BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF THE U.S. CAPITOL



While original plans for this group dissolved, lemonade was made as they were lead through the U.S. Capitol on a private tour by Congressman Loudermilk's staffer Christopher Cook, who happens to be a natural historian. Participants shared that it was the best tour they have ever had of the building.

Save the Date for the 2026 Cobb Chamber Washington, D.C. Fly-In

Tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 16 to Friday, Sept. 18, 2026.
Dates will be confirmed once the 2026 Congressional Calendar is released.



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2025 Federal Legislative Agenda

Cobb County's business community shows resilience amid challenges like inflation, workforce shortages, shifting consumer behavior, and federal disruptions. For 11 years, Georgia has been the top state for business. The Cobb Chamber 2025 federal legislative agenda supports a thriving economy by improving the business climate and quality of life for its 2,700+ member organizations, from small businesses to global headquarters, representing over 18,000 business leaders.

While our positions fall into four policy areas, top priorities include:

- Express gratitude for the Administration and the Congress for delivering permanent tax relief for businesses providing long-term certainty, avoiding the "tax cliff" from expiring provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.
- Request for urgent implementation of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act by encouraging federal agencies to deliver clear, concise guidance, and rapid communication of tax law changes, and provision of timely education, ensuring business owners fully understand new standards, avoid confusion, and eliminate the need for tax return refiling.
- Urge the passage of the budget before the new fiscal year to avoid the uncertainty of continuing resolutions.
- Support appropriations adding C-130Js to outfit Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base.
- Support of federal appropriations for Cobb County projects to improve mobility for our county, the seven cities in Cobb County, the Cumberland Community Improvement District, the Town Center Community Improvement District, and the Gateway Marietta Community Improvement District.



Fostering a Resilient Economy:

- Support for cybersecurity improvements at the federal level by promoting public-private partnerships, unified federal requirements, and policies like the reauthorization of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act to enhance national cyber resilience.
- Oppose legislation, regulations, or programs that impose tax increases, hinder economic growth, create obstacles to job creation, or impede companies' ability to attract and retain essential workforce talent.
- Support legislation reducing the cost of time, resources, and regulatory constraints on small businesses.
- Support using robust, peer-reviewed science and risk-based determinations in legislation and regulatory policies.
- Support liability protection legislation for businesses against frivolous lawsuits.
- Support apprenticeship and job training programs that incentivize employment and better prepare our citizens for future workforce challenges.
- Support programs and policies that reduce or remove barriers to available and affordable childcare, enabling working parents — and those who would join the workforce but for such barriers — to participate fully in the economy.
- Support federal funding for community-level grants that assist entrepreneurs and small business start-ups.
- Support policies and legislation that provide equal tax treatment for all retail sectors.
- Support a federal consumer privacy law to provide businesses with a streamlined roadmap for compliance.
- Support policies ensuring safe, reliable, and affordable energy.
- Support policies that combat organized retail crime and counterfeit goods.
- Support Congressional action to increase the human, physical, and technological resources along the southern border and at our ports of entry.
- Support implementation of modern, effective, and efficient employment verification reforms.



Infrastructure and Transportation:

- Support efforts to sustain and enhance investments in transportation to move goods and people efficiently and effectively.
- Support policies that encourage the growth and modernization of telecommunications and energy infrastructure.
- Oppose unnecessary regulations on federally funded infrastructure projects and support policies that streamline federal oversight.
- Support the streamlining of competitive grant program application processes to better direct projects of local priority to the most competitive grant applicant.
- Support legislation allowing greater flexibility in federal funding programs for multimodal options incorporating highway and transit elements.



Healthcare:

- Enable greater flexibility for businesses as they offer healthcare coverage to their employees.
- Support adding full tax deductibility of health plan premiums for individuals, businesses, and business owners.
- Support workforce development efforts to assist hospitals with the national healthcare workforce shortage.
- Support the expansion, offering, and enrollment in diverse coverage options like association health plans to decrease costs and increase access for small businesses.
- Encourage passage of the Save Healthcare Workers Act (H.R. 3178/S. 1600) as the bipartisan legislation would make it a federal crime to assault a hospital staff member on the job.
- Urge Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to account for inflation in FY25 to assist with the continuing strain on healthcare resources, such as hospitals and long-term care facilities, and the healthcare workforce.
- Urge CMS to create a permanent telehealth and hospital-at-home program rather than its current waiver process which expires September 30 to allow for greater access to healthcare.



Safeguarding Dobbins Air Reserve Base and Supporting Growth of Our Military & Defense Community:

- Support the concurrent and proportional fielding of newer weapons systems at Dobbins to match the disproportionally modernized capabilities of the Active Duty component of the Air Force.
- Oppose continuing resolutions, which fail to provide predictable training, stable recruitment, and pre-planned orders for Reservists.
- Support the immediate availability of TRICARE Reserve Select Insurance for Air Force Reservists, who are also federal civilian employees, which comprise a large portion of the population in Cobb County.
- Request a comprehensive DoD study to evaluate Reserve Component dental care, assess costs, and quantify the impacts to Reservists in all our local communities.
- Support full adds for C-130J and F-35 aircraft that provide 20,000+ direct and indirect Georgia jobs.