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COSC WELCOMES SUZANNE CLARK AS CEO OF THE US CHAMBER of commerce

*Tom Donohue retires after 24 years of outstanding service*

**Raleigh, NC, February 10, 2021** - The Council of State Chambers (COSC) congratulates Suzanne Clark on being [named the new Chief Executive Officer of the US Chamber of Commerce](https://www.uschamber.com/press-release/us-chamber-of-commerce-board-of-directors-executive-committee-appoints-suzanne-clark). Ms. Clark was recently selected by the board of directors of the US Chamber to replace Tom Donohue, who is retiring after leading the organization for the last 24 years. Clark will assume the role on March 11, 2021.

“America is at a crossroads and championing free enterprise, no matter the issue or the cost, is job number one and we congratulate Tom Donahue on 24 years of aggressively championing the spirit of free enterprise,” said Mark Wilson, Chair of COSC and President of the Florida Chamber. “COSC had the opportunity to work with Tom many times over the years and his commitment to our nation’s competitiveness and economic growth was ever present.”

Suzanne Clark has been with the US Chamber for 16 years and has worked closely with COSC for many of those years, most recently providing a US Chamber update to COSC Chamber CEO’s and members at our recent Winter Meeting. “Suzanne is assuming a role that is arguably the most important leadership role in America when it comes to securing our nation’s future,” added Wilson. “On behalf of the national association representing state chambers of commerce and our members, we congratulate Suzanne, and we look forward to a stronger Chamber federation and a brighter future. While many Americans have given up on Washington, we pledge our continued support for non-partisan, pro jobs, pro-growth policies and we look forward to building the federation with Suzanne.”

The US Chamber engaged in a rigorous and multi-year succession process prior to selecting Suzanne Clark for this role, according to their announcement.

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