

# Public Policy Newsletter

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## *The State of Stimulus*

The past week brought a variety of talks regarding the potential for another stimulus bill. It has been about five months since the last stimulus package was passed, and discussions have been ongoing since. The President and Congressional leaders all expressed their thoughts on the possibility of another package.

After his return to the White House, President Trump shared in a series of tweets that [negotiations](#) should be halted before then requesting a series of stand-alone, targeted relief bills to sign. In response, Speaker Pelosi stated that stand-alone relief for airlines is not possible without a larger, comprehensive [stimulus bill](#), and Leader McConnell said that any stimulus is [unlikely](#) in the next three weeks before the election.

Even with these statements, negotiations continue, [five months after the initial relief package](#).

## Other federal public policy and related news

[Amy Coney Barrett confirmation hearing live updates](#): Trump's Supreme Court nominee appears before Senate panel.

SBA and Treasury announce simpler [PPP forgiveness for loans](#) of \$50,000 or less.

With town hall debate canceled, [Biden and Trump](#) seek out their own town halls.

Fed's Powell [calls for more economic aid](#), warning 'weakness feeds on weakness'.



## State public policy and related news

Illinois House Minority Leader Jim Durkin calls on Illinois Democrats to demand Speaker [Madigan](#) testifies or resigns.

Researchers surprised: 20% of Chicagoans in blood-test study came up positive for [coronavirus antibodies](#).

Changes to [tax amendment's language](#) may open door wider than thought.

Questions continue on [taxing retirement income](#)



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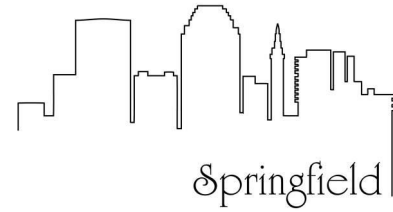
## Local public policy and related news

Democrats hope to make gains on [Sangamon County Board](#).

SJ-R, WMAY hosting [forum on graduated tax](#) amendment Wednesday at 7 pm.

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce opposes the proposed constitutional amendment to allow a new progressive tax structure, [provides educational resources](#).

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce provides updated COVID-19 [Funding](#) and [Informational](#) Resources.



## Bids and RFPs

### **City of Springfield**

**Bid Opportunities**: CISCO Switch Upgrade, Furnish and Deliver DiBasic Acid 3Yr, RATAs for Continuous Emissions Monitoring Systems, Barracuda Archiver Maintenance (3 Years), 2020 CommVault Maintenance Renewal.

**Requests for Proposals**: Sale of Real Property 2019, SONET Replacement System.

