

Chambers All in for Economic Recovery

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is *all in* and has joined the *Chambers All in for Economic Recovery* initiative. Nearly 50 Chambers from across the state representing over 13,000 businesses and 580,000 employees call for the legislature to take up this platform and prioritize providing economic relief for the business community in the wake of a devastating year.

The platform below was designed collaboratively with the business community's input to identify items our state legislature should consider to spur short- and long-term economic relief. *Chambers All in for Economic Recovery* calls for:



- The creation of a formalized private and public sector-led collaborative commission with the goal of understanding and responding to the ongoing pandemic and the long-term economic challenges of COVID-19
- An extension of policy exempting unemployment benefits claims from affecting the employer's contribution rate for those layoffs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic
- Installation of tax credits and incentives to eligible businesses that encourage job creation, workforce development, and business growth and investment
- Establishment of business tax credits for expenses related to establishing remote work capabilities
- Legal protections to employers who follow the CDC established safety guidelines from claims that COVID-19 was contracted at the place of business
- A call for more significant financial investments in [Get Hired II](#) to assist in retraining workers for talent retention. The investment can aid in bringing the COVID-19 Employment Recovery Project to prominence in all 102 counties and develop capacity in the program to subsidize retraining costs.
- A call to refrain from decoupling from federal tax credits provided for businesses in the CARES Act to ensure eligible businesses receive financial relief.
- A request for the state to work collaboratively with insurance providers to ensure any eligible employees are accurately classified as telecommunicating clerical employees for workers compensation insurance.

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