



ILLINOIS HOUSE BILL 4993

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Chief Co-Sponsor: Speaker Chris Welch

Chief Senate Sponsor: Senator Ram Villivalam
Chief Co-Sponsor: Senate Majority Leader Kimberly A. Lightford

POLITICIANS SHOULD SUPPORT THE CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE WHICH SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Chambers of commerce provide crucial support and services to small businesses and local communities. They foster economic development. Chambers also support charitable and civic endeavors. They are integral parts of local communities.

The Covid-19 pandemic, which has persisted for more than two years, has dealt a devastating blow to many local chambers. Fundraising challenges, a loss of members, and other pandemic-related difficulties have all contributed to their financial challenges. Chambers continue to struggle, and prompt financial assistance is needed to support them.

GRANTS FOR LOST REVENUE

GRANTS TO LOCAL CHAMBERS

House Bill 4993 provides for grants to local chambers that have lost revenue because of the pandemic. Specifically, the bill provides chambers with grants that total two months of lost revenue from 2019 to 2020. These funds will be crucial to the recovery and resurgence of local chambers across Illinois.

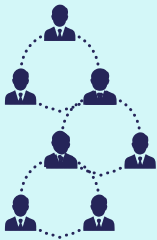


BILL STATUS

ILLINOIS HOUSE PASSES LEGISLATION

HB4993 was passed by the Illinois House last legislative session and already has 15 sponsors in the Senate. The bill should be passed when legislators re-convene or in the alternative, an allocation of funding for this program should be included in the budget.

70+ CHAMBERS



SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY RECOVERY

Over 70 chambers of commerce have expressed the need for this legislation by supporting this legislation. Chambers remain dedicated to continuing their efforts to foster the recovery of small businesses and communities.

We are calling on Illinois legislators to pass House Bill 4993 or in the alternative, allocate a total of \$5 million for the entire program focused on supporting struggling chambers across Illinois. Given that Illinois received over \$8 billion in ARPA funding, this allocation should be made to support the chambers which support the small business community.



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