



# SBAC LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2022

The Small Business Advocacy Council (SBAC) is laser-focused on formulating and fighting to pass policies that support small businesses and local communities. As Illinois' fall legislative session approaches, legislators should prioritize the two important policies below. The next three weeks will be crucial to moving these policy initiatives forward. The small business community has an oversized voice when we work together.

Let's make it happen!

## The Safer Communities and Small Business Act HB 3215



This legislation will support small businesses struggling to hire employees, foster opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals, improve public safety, and reduce the costs of incarceration. This initiative will provide wage subsidies to businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals and increased tax incentives to small businesses that hire returning citizens.

The goal is to pass this legislation during this fall session.

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## Relief for Local Chambers of Commerce HB 4993

Local chambers of commerce support small businesses. They provide educational resources, connect businesses to potential customers, and play a pivotal role in fostering economic development in local communities. Chambers were largely excluded from the financial relief offered through our state. Policymakers support the chambers that support the small business community by establishing a grant program for chambers that have been devastated by the pandemic.

House Bill 4993 will provide grants for local chambers to help them recover from the pandemic. These grants will equal two months of lost revenue, or 1/6th of their annual lost revenue, from 2019 to 2020. The total allocation for this entire program is 5 million dollars out of over 8 billion in federal ARPA money. This legislation passed out of the Illinois House earlier this year and the fall session is when this program should be adopted and funded by policymakers.

Encourage Illinois politicians to support small businesses, increase public safety and improve the Illinois economy by championing HB 3215 and HB 4993!