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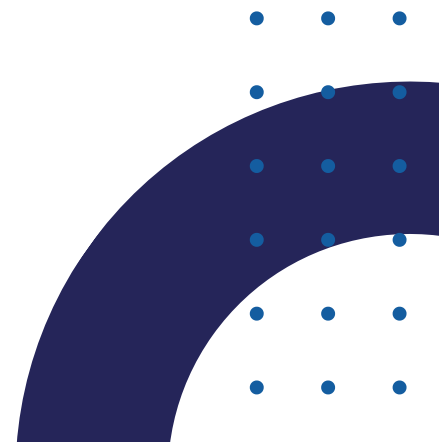


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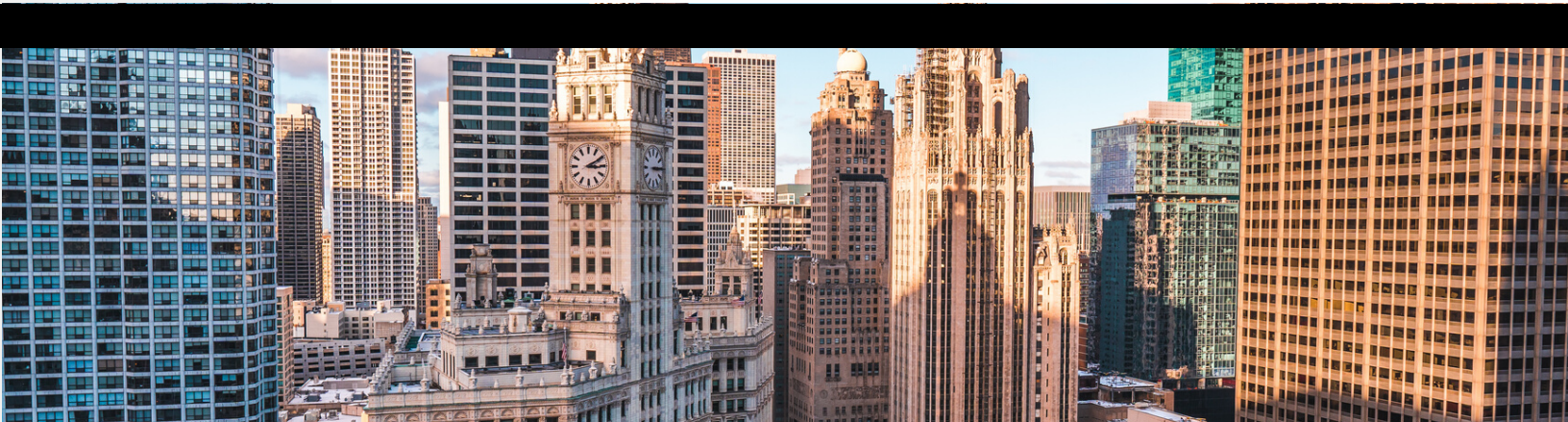
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SBAC COMPANY SUMMARY



Mission

The SBAC is a non-partisan, member-driven organization that promotes the success of small businesses through political advocacy, support services and educational programs. We are laser-focused on formulating and fighting to pass policies that support small businesses and local communities.

What We Believe

- The success of a small business is a critical component of the nation's economic well-being.
- In order to ensure a fair and level playing field, small business must have a powerful and united advocacy voice at the local, state and federal level.
- Through cooperative networking, idea sharing and education, small business can flourish.

Why We're Here Today

As Illinois' fall legislative session approaches, legislators should prioritize the two important policies herein. The next 3 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!

HB 4993

RELIEF FOR LOCAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

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. It is policymakers support the chambers that support the small business community by establishing a grant program for chambers which 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.

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.

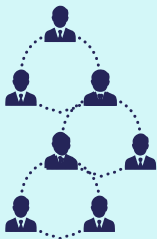


BILL STATUS

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.

HB 3215

THE SAFER COMMUNITIES & SMALL BUSINESS ACT

Illinois businesses are struggling to hire qualified employees, impacting their operations and recovery from the pandemic. The unemployment rate among formerly incarcerated individuals is extremely high. This undermines public safety and contributes to high recidivism rates.

House Bill 3215 can support small businesses that hire returning citizens, save our state millions each year and create long-term revenue. This legislation will provide crucial on-the-job training to formerly incarcerated Illinoisans and supplement the workforce. The legislation can foster economic growth in disadvantaged communities.

WHAT WILL HB 3215 DO?

TAX INCENTIVES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

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HB 3215 would create tax incentives for small businesses that hire and provide on-the-job job training to formerly incarcerated citizens.



WAGE SUBSIDIES

HB 3215 creates wage subsidies for businesses that hire formerly incarcerated individuals to facilitate the entry of returning citizens back into the workforce.

IMPROVE ILLINOIS ECONOMY

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Not only will HB 3215 support small businesses and formerly incarcerated individuals, but it will also save significant money in reduced reincarceration costs and increase revenue for the state through the income and sales taxes paid by returning citizens.



PUBLIC SAFETY

When individuals returning from incarceration become stably employed, their risk of recidivism drops by 62%. HB 3215 can reduce crime and improve public safety.

SBAC in the News

| Initiative | Date | Media |
|---|------------|---|
| Legislation to support small businesses and formerly incarcerated individuals and improve public safety in Illinois | 10/20/2022 | WBEZCHICAGO |
| Voice of Change: New Illinois legislation would help people find jobs after prison | 9/21/2022 |  |
| To Reduce Labor Shortages, Chicago Tries to Ease the Path from Prison into Jobs | 9/12/2022 | Bloomberg |
| Our Chicago: Former IL inmates getting help staying out of jail and on the job | 8/28/2022 |  |
| Why the Safer Communities & Small Business Act (HB3215) provides a solution to improve public safety | 8/9/2022 |  |
| The Safer Communities & Small Business Act would provide support for Illinois small businesses and formerly incarcerated people | 8/4/2022 |  |
| Advocating during the fall legislative session | 10/16/2022 |  |

Downtown Springfield

Historic Downtown



Downtown Hotels & B&B's

- 37. Inn at 835 Boutique Hotel
- 38. Mansion View Inn & Suites
- 39. Pashied House Inn
- 40. President Abraham Lincoln Hotel
- 41. Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
- 42. The State House Inn - The Red Collection
- 43. Wyndham Springfield City Centre

Public Parking

- 43. 6th St. & Capitol Ave.: Multi Level
- 44. Lincoln Presidential Museum: Multi Level & RV Parking
- 45. Old State Capitol: Underground
- 46. Lincoln Public Library: Underground
- 47. Lincoln Home: Lot
- 48. 7th St. & Monroe St.: Multi Level
- 49. 7th St. & Washington St.: Multi Level
- 50. Edwards St. & College St.: Lot
- 51. Dana-Thomas House: Lot

Visitors Centers

- Springfield Visitors Center**
Lincoln-Herndon Law Office
1 S. Old State Capitol Plaza
217-391-3221
Monday - Friday: 9am - 5pm
- Lincoln Home Visitors Center**
426 S. 7th St.
217-391-3221
Daily: 8:30am - 5pm

Resource

- Lincoln Public Library
328 S. 7th St.
217-753-4900

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- Sites & Attractions
- Restaurants
- Hotels and B&B's
- Public Parking

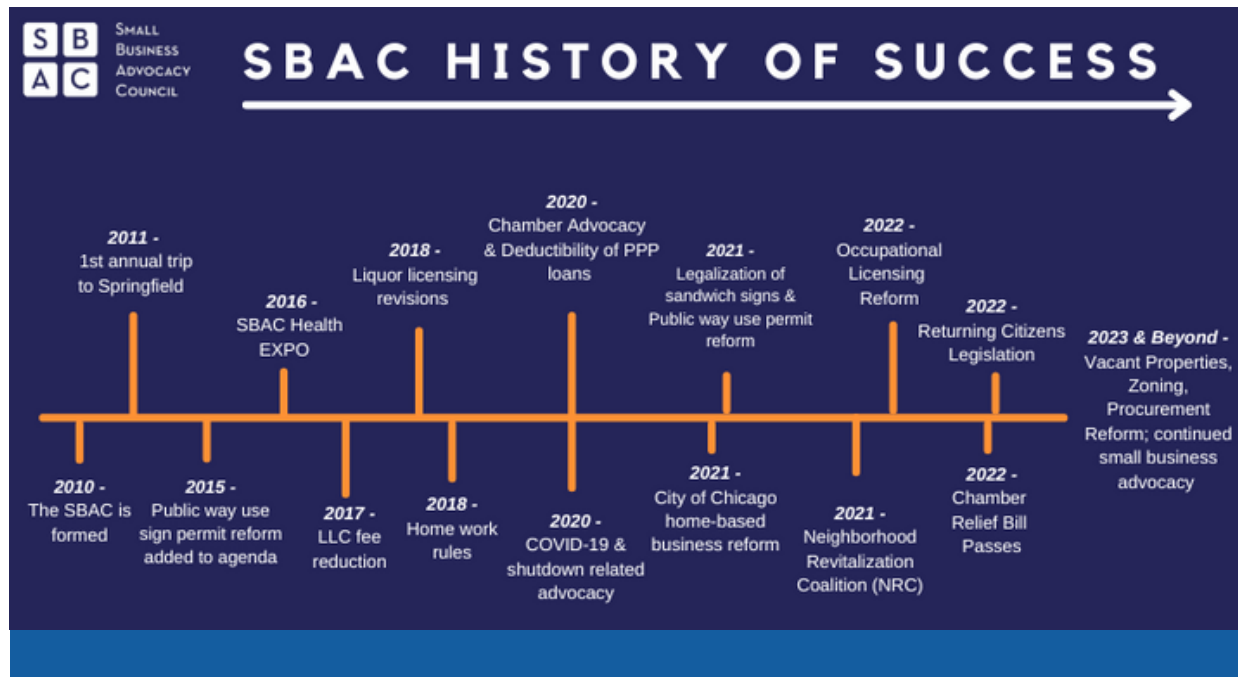
Downtown Sites & Attractions

- A. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
112 N. 6th St.
217-558-8844
- B. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
212 N. 6th St.
217-558-8948
- C. Acts of Intolerance: 1908 Race Riot Sculpture
6th & Madison St.
217-558-8948
- D. Dana-Thomas House - A Frank Lloyd Wright Design
301 E. Lawrence Ave.
217-782-6776
- E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue
2nd & Capitol
217-782-6776
- F. Elijah Lee House
628 S. 7th St.
217-492-9929
- G. Governor's Mansion
410 E. Jackson St.
217-782-6450
- H. Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Museum
401 S. 2nd St.
217-522-4373
- I. Illinois Firefighters Memorial
401 S. 2nd St.
217-782-0600
- J. Illinois Police Officers Memorial
401 S. 2nd St.
217-782-2099
- K. Illinois State Capitol
401 S. 2nd St.
217-782-2099
- L. Illinois State Library
300 S. 2nd St.
217-785-5600
- M. Illinois State Museum
502 S. Spring St.
217-782-7386
- N. Illinois State Police Memorial Park
6th & Lawrence St.
217-525-1922
- O. Kidzeum of Health and Science
412 E. Adams St.
217-971-4435
- P. Lincoln Depot
930 E. Monroe St.
217-544-8695
- Q. Lincoln Family Pew
First Presbyterian Church
321 S. 7th St.
217-528-4311

Downtown Restaurants

- 1. Alamo
- 2. Arlington's
- 3. Augie's Front Burner
- 4. Boones Saloon
- 5. Brewhaus
- 6. Cafe Moxo
- 7. Cold Stone Creamery
- 8. Custom Cup Coffee
- 9. Del's Popcorn Shop
- 10. Feed Store
- 11. Gallina's Pizza
- 12. Grille at City Centre
- 13. Head West Sub Stop
- 14. Howlett Cafe
- 15. Incredibly Delicious
- 16. Jimmy Johns
- 17. La Piazza Cucina Italiana
- 18. Lindsay's Gallery
- 19. Long Nine Junction
- 20. Loukinen's on 4th
- 21. Maid Rita Sandwich Shop
- 22. Maldaner's Restaurant & Catering
- 23. Manga Bene
- 24. Nick & Nino's Penthouse Steakhouse
- 25. NuVoh at the St. Nicholas
- 26. Obed & Isaac's Microbrewery & Eatery
- 27. Pitman's Popcorn
- 28. Robbie's
- 29. Saputo's
- 30. Starbucks
- 31. Subway
- 32. Tacosology
- 33. The Chili Parlor
- 34. The Incubator Cafe+Bar
- 35. Vele
- 36. Wm. Van's Coffee House

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