

ALL IN FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY

2022 PLATFORM

The Aurora Regional Chamber of Commerce is all in, and has jointly launched the Chambers All in for Economic Recovery platform for a second year in a row. This initiative calls upon our legislators across the state to prioritize economic relief for the business community. The platform below was designed collaboratively with the business community's input to identify items that our state legislature should consider to spur short- and long-term economic relief.

Chambers All In For Economic Recovery calls for the Legislature to:

- Utilize American Rescue Plan Act funding to help replenish the unemployment trust fund alleviate the impending financial drain from the state's businesses.
- Provide legal protections to employers who follow the CDC established safety guidelines from claims that COVID-19 was contracted at the place of business.
- Restructure the Minimum Wage Credit's incremental phase-out to allow small businesses to capture the original intent of the credit.
- Extend the EDGE credit sunset clause out for another ten years and utilize the tax credit as an incentive to attract new businesses to the state and allow for the growth and development of existing companies.

In addition to the items above, Chambers All In for Economic Recovery calls for collaborative solutions to the state's ongoing workforce challenges. The coalition recognizes the importance of having a ready, willing and skilled workforce for the future of our state's economy. We call on the state to develop innovative programs, support pilot programs, invest in K-12 career awareness programming and assist in scaling successful workforce programs for other communities and industries. We urge Illinois legislators to create an environment and funding models that allow the private sector to drive the training demand for employers.

Chambers All In for Economic Recovery will monitor legislative activities for items that specifically support economic recovery or may hinder ongoing recovery efforts. The coalition may act in such cases to bolster support or join in opposition.



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