



June 11, 2025

The Honorable Mike Kehoe, Governor of Missouri
P.O. Box 720
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Governor Kehoe,

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports House Bill 567, sponsored by Representative Gallick and handled by Senator Bernskoetter, and respectfully requests you to sign the bill into law. HB 567 relates to employee compensation, addressing the 2024 ballot initiative, Proposition A, which places a mandate on businesses to implement unsustainable paid leave and minimum wage policies.

We have heard from business owners across the state, from small establishments to large-scale manufacturers, that the cost of implementing this paid leave mandate would force them to cut back hours of operation, freeze hiring and reduce their workforce, or, in the worst case, close their doors for good. We believe the best way to support our state's business community is to "let business decide" on policy that works for them and their employees.

HB 567 will help ease the complexity of Missouri's employment law climate, making it easier and less expensive to own and operate a business in our state, as well as send a strong message to all employers that Missouri is indeed open for business.

For these reasons, we respectfully request you to sign HB 567 into law.

Sincerely,

Kara Corches
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Governor Kehoe,

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports House Bill 1041, sponsored by Representative Dane Diehl and handled by Senator Kurtis Gregory, and respectfully requests you to sign the bill into law. HB 1041 decreases the fees for inspection and gauging of malt liquor manufactured in American breweries while upholding the current fee for foreign importers. Beyond supporting American manufacturers, HB 1041 also extends the permitted hours for sale of liquor during the 2026 World Cup.

These provisions will have undeniable positive economic impact for Missouri. From St. Louis to Kansas City, American breweries and domestic malt liquor manufacturers are cornerstones of our state's economy. HB 1041 supports these establishments, while also maximizing the opportunity of 2026 World Cup celebrations for both visitors and Missouri businesses. HB 1041 is a strong step in the direction of bolstering Missouri's business community.

For these reasons, we respectfully request you to sign HB 1041 into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Corches".

Kara Corches
President and CEO
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry



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Governor Kehoe,

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports Senate Bill 71, sponsored by Senator David Gregory and handled by Representative Hinman, and respectfully requests you to sign the bill into law. SB 71 contains multiple provisions relating to public safety, of which the Public Safety Recruitment and Retention Act is of particular importance to the business community.

According to our “Safer Missouri, Stronger Missouri” report, taking proactive steps to support Missouri’s first responder community is crucial to creating a safer and more prosperous state. By providing tuition waivers to first responders and their dependents, SB 71’s recruitment and retention provisions will ensure that Missouri is recruiting and retaining top public safety talent, as well as providing opportunities for their dependents to develop themselves and grow their roots right here in Missouri.

SB 71 will serve as a crucial step forward in securing the future safety of our state, and for these reasons, we respectfully request you to sign SB 71 into law.

Sincerely,

Kara Corches
President and CEO
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Governor Kehoe,

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports Senate Bill 47, sponsored by Senator Curtis Trent and handled by Representative Dane Diehl, and respectfully requests you to sign the bill into law. SB 47 amends Supreme Court Rule 52.08 relating to class actions, ensuring that Missouri's rules for civil procedure are in line with existing federal regulations.

Aligning Missouri rules with the existing Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will provide businesses with confidence and security that their operations in Missouri will be free from egregious and convoluted class action claims. In addition, a fairer legal climate will enhance Missouri's reputation as a state that is open for business. If implemented, SB 47 will "let business decide" without applying a significant risk on these entities for failing to meet a one-off, patchwork regulatory approach.

For these reasons, we respectfully request you to sign SB 47 into law.

Sincerely,



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Governor Kehoe,

The Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry supports Senate Bill 150, sponsored by Senator Carter and handled by Representative Kelley, and respectfully requests you to sign the bill into law. SB 150 relates to workforce development initiatives, containing provisions that would serve as essential steps to growing and sustaining a strong workforce here in Missouri.

Workforce development is a topic that we hear about from our members consistently. Without an educated, upskilled, and constantly growing workforce, Missouri businesses lack confidence and security in their operations. SB 150 would take critical steps toward growing our workforce, such as establishing the Career-Tech Certificate Program, creating STEM career awareness, and providing loan repayment for health care workers. With a population that is more educated, upskilled, and free to pursue gainful employment, Missouri will undoubtedly see an upward trend in our workforce.

SB 150 will help ease uncertainty in Missouri's business community by ensuring a skilled talent pipeline, while also improving public safety and access to health care – essential factors in local economic development.

For these reasons, we respectfully request you to sign SB 150 into law.

Sincerely,



Kara Corches
President and CEO
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