

Inflation, high-interest rates, and a workforce shortage have taken their toll on many small businesses. Property taxes are also hurting Illinois businesses. Policymakers can support the small business community by passing legislation that provides property tax relief to the small businesses that drive our economy.

THE LEGISLATION

The Small Business Property Tax Relief Act will provide a \$1500.00 tax credit to small businesses to offset the rising costs of property taxes.

Eligible small businesses must:

- Be registered and operate within the state of Illinois.
- Have 50 or fewer employees.
- Own or lease property in Illinois that is subject to property taxes. Home offices do not qualify for this tax credit.
- Comply with all state tax obligations, which encompass income, sales, and employment taxes.

TAX CREDIT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Small businesses can receive a tax credit up to 10% of their annual property tax payments, capped at \$1500.00. Tax credits are awarded based on the date the appropriate paperwork is submitted. A total of \$50,000,000.00 has been allocated for this program, which will span over five years. Stakeholders will prioritize disseminating information about this tax credit program in disinvested communities.

WHY THIS LEGISLATION IS IMPORTANT

Small businesses drive our economy, create jobs, and support local communities. With incentive programs and tax credits so often focused on large corporations, this tax credit will help small businesses navigate these challenging economic times and position them for future success.