



Joliet Chamber Members:

Last week, we announced that we have joined the Chambers All In For Economic Recovery initiative to advocate for short- and long-term economic recovery for you, the business community.

In the platform defined by the coalition, one key item is our call for an extension of policy exempting unemployment benefits claims from affecting the employer's contribution rate for those layoffs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

We know that many of you were forced to lay off and terminate employees due to the disease-mandate mitigations—all of which were beyond your control. Without action from the Illinois General Assembly, your unemployment benefit contribution rate may increase.

Today, we ask that you contact your legislators and join our call to see this extension enacted. We have provided a form letter (attached) that you can send to your State Representative and Senator. Information for our area legislators can be found at <https://jolietchamber.com/advocacy/elected-officials/>

There is great power in numbers. By contacting your legislators, you are joining colleagues across the state in calling for economic relief and making your voice heard. The Joliet Chamber is here to support you in every step along the way. Should you have any questions or would like to contribute with information from your organization, please do not hesitate to reach out us at 815.727.5371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jen Howard'.

Jen Howard  
President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike Paone'.

Mike Paone  
VP, Government Affairs