



From: Mark Wilson, Chair, Council of State Chambers

To: State Chamber CEOs

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Re: Joint COSC / U.S. Chamber of Commerce Task Force on Restarting America's Economy

In consultation with many of you, the Council of State Chambers is ramping up our COVID-19 efforts by forging an even stronger partnership between state chambers of commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As our nation's business leaders begin to carefully consider the restarting of the national economy, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Council of State Chambers (COSC) will launch a joint task force to support and coordinate the federal and state approaches to reopening and to ensure greater collaboration between the business community and government at the federal and state level. The task force will have representation from all 50 states mirroring the coordination between the governors and the federal government. The U.S. Chamber will work with the task force to help address federal issues and will work with COSC to monitor and coordinate best practices at the state and local levels. The task force will convene weekly to address concerns, share best practices, and make unified recommendations. Members of the task force will be asked to seek feedback from and share information with other key stakeholders.

We're all in this together and by joining forces we will help America recover the right way. I remain appreciative of Heather and Kris for co-chairing the one-month-old COSC task force as well as Ashli for spearheading the state chamber GR efforts. I envision a weekly call with the U.S. Chamber and COSC that will replace the existing weekly call. It's very clear that many of us are, or have, launched state-specific restart and recovery plans and this task force will accelerate the efficient and important exchange of information between local, state, and national leaders. Please be on the lookout for related announcements as well as a meeting invite to our next few weekly calls.

I am asking Lew Ebert, in his role as special advisor to COSC, to run point on the COSC's task force efforts. Stay safe and thank you for leading.

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