



Dear Southeast Chamber Friends – We have extended the deadline to Friday to sign-on to the letter urging the EPA to deny the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation. While this is a California regulation, its impacts will be felt nationwide. Therefore, if you have not already done so, please consider adding your chamber to our coalition letter. [Click here](#) to read and sign the letter. Additionally, as a reminder for those interested in the U.S. Chamber Foundation’s Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) Program, the next virtual TPM Academy begins on May 7th. See *Talent Pipeline Management* below for information on how you can participate. Lastly, we still need your help in urging senators to move H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act. See *Action Items* below for more information on this important legislation.

Action Items:

- [Urge Senators to Support H.R. 7024](#) – With Congress out of session until next week, we need your help reaching out to senators while they are at home, particularly Republican senators, to let them know that we urgently need them to pass H.R. 7024, the “Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act” this year. This bipartisan legislation will extend several pro-growth business tax provisions that have expired, including the research and development (R&D) deduction, 100% bonus depreciation deduction, and the EBITDA standard for deducting business interest expenses. Last month, the House of Representatives did its part and voted [357-70](#) to pass this bill, but it’s currently held up in the Senate. With this in mind, please consider reaching out to your senators and urging them to pass this important legislation [this year](#). Without it, businesses will have significantly less money to reinvest in their employees and operations. [Click here to read the U.S. Chamber’s letter of support](#).
- [Sign-On Letter - Urge the EPA to deny CARB's proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation \(DEADLINE EXTENDED\)](#) - The U.S. Chamber urges state and local chambers of commerce to sign our coalition letter opposing the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) proposed In-Use Locomotive Regulation. This regulation mandates zero-emissions locomotives by 2035, a goal currently unattainable with existing technology. Railroads are crucial for transporting goods across states, forming a vital part of national supply chains. The CARB Regulation risks disrupting these chains, raising costs, and hurting businesses of all sizes. Your signature can safeguard our economy and maintain the efficiency and reliability of America’s freight transportation. **Deadline to sign has been extended to Friday, April 5th at 5:00 pm ET.** [Click here](#) to read and sign the letter.

Upcoming Events:

- [April 23rd - IOM Informational Webinar](#) – Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the U.S. Chamber of Commerce’s [Institute for Organization Management](#) program? Curious to learn if it’s the right fit? Join Institute staff and volunteers Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 pm ET for a one-hour information session. The session will provide a program overview, including the curriculum and faculty, scholarships, sites and dates, and resources, in addition to a Q&A session at the end. Each of the four sites will be represented by the Board of Regents Past Chair, a graduate of the program and current volunteer. [Click here to register](#).

Institute:

- [Summer IOM Registration](#) - Registration is now open for all three summer Institute for Organization Management sites. [Click here](#) to go to the general Institute registration page, and please don't hesitate to contact us at iom@uschamber.com or 202-463-5570 with any questions or concerns.

Talent Pipeline Management:

- [Join the Next TPM Academy® Blended Learning Cohort](#) - The U.S. Chamber Foundation's next virtual Talent Pipeline Management (TPM) Academy begins on May 7. The TPM Academy trains business, workforce, and economic development leaders on the TPM approach, a demand-driven strategy to create career pathways for students and workers with talent pipelines aligned to dynamic business needs. [Learn more and enroll here](#). This is a virtual training, and we are currently offering \$250 off the enrollment fee for our state, regional, and local chamber partners; please use code USCCFPARTNER24. Want to learn more about the TPM Academy? [Watch the recording from our last interest webinar here](#).

Economic Data:

- [Small Business Index](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [RSM & U.S. Chamber Middle Market Business Index](#) – Thursday, March 28, 2024

Recent blog posts to USChamber.com:

- [How Waggin' Tails Pet Ranch Creates a Spring Break Getaway for Pets](#) – Wednesday, April 3, 2024
- [How the Baltimore Bridge Collapse Affects Business and the Economy](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [Pulling the Curtain Back on Foreign Influence in Third Party Litigation Funding](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [How Spring Break Is Brought to You by American Business](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [Small Businesses Think Cyberattacks Are Biggest Threat, Survey Shows](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [Small Business Owner Confidence in the Economy Ticks Up](#) – Tuesday, April 2, 2024
- [OSHA's 'Walk-Around' Regulation Is Government-Imposed Trespassing](#) – Monday, April 1, 2024
- [Retroactive Tax Legislation Would Help American Small Businesses](#) – Friday, March 29, 2024
- [Teamsters Organizers Don't Buy What They Sell](#) – Thursday, March 28, 2024
- [Employers Share Meaningful Solutions to Address Shortfalls in Mental Health Care](#) – Thursday, March 28, 2024

Recent U.S. Chamber Press Releases:

- [U.S. Chamber Decries USTR's Capitulation on Foreign Trade Barriers](#) – Friday, March 29, 2024
- [U.S. Chamber Expresses Concerns About OSHA Walkaround Rule](#) – Friday, March 29, 2024
- [U.S. Chamber of Commerce Statement on the Passing of Former U.S. Senator Joe Lieberman](#) – Thursday, March 28, 2024
- [RSM US Middle Market Business Index Highlights Sustained Economic Expansion Amid Improving Productivity](#) – Thursday, March 28, 2024



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