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Rep. Feigenholtz Meets with Local Business Leaders

CHICAGO – State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz (D-Chicago) met with members of her business and economic development citizens’ advisory committee on Monday to discuss how businesses and legislators can work together to foster job creation and economic development.

Local business owners, self-employed residents, chambers of commerce and concerned citizens attended Monday night’s round table to share their concerns about the state’s business environment. Also in attendance was guest speaker Tanya Triche of the Illinois Retail Merchants’ Association (IRMA), who provided updates on IRMA’s legislative priorities on the state, city and county levels.

“Small businesses are the backbone of the local economy and need to be vital components of any discussion on improving the economic environment and putting people back to work,” said Feigenholtz. “The committee’s discussion highlighted the wide range of challenges we face in making Illinois more attractive for development.”

Business owners expressed their concern on a number of issues, ranging from the corporate tax burden to inefficiencies in the state’s licensing and revenue collecting processes.

“We have a lot of work to do and I am very excited to continue working with our business community and citizens interested in these economic issues. We need to help small business thrive during these difficult economic times,” Feigenholtz said.

Local business owners who were unable to attend Monday’s meeting are encouraged to complete Feigenholtz’s business survey which can be found online at www.staterepsara.com. A hard copy of the survey may be mailed at request.

Any individual interested in joining Feigenholtz’s business and economic development advisory committee can contact Feigenholtz’s constituent service office at (773) 296-4141 or sara@staterepsara.com to receive future meeting notices and legislative updates.

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