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Minnesota Chamber: Easing stay-at-home is step toward getting economy back on track

ST. PAUL, MN (04/30/20) – Minnesota Chamber President Doug Loon reacted today to Governor Walz’s announcement to extend the stay-at-home order to May 18, but allow customer-facing retailers to begin curbside service, and to the Senate’s passage of a tax bill that includes relief for small businesses.

“Easing Minnesota’s stay-at-home order for retailers is a step in the right direction,” said Loon. “Businesses throughout the state are preparing to fully return to work and taking steps to do so responsibly and expeditiously. We urge the governor to continue to recognize that businesses can – and have – designed plans for safe work environments and allow more businesses to return to work soon.”

“The tax bill passed by the Senate today would bring much-needed relief to small businesses who are trying to stay afloat amid this crisis,” Loon continued. “They are the economic fuel for our state’s future, and providing tax relief will help them until they are allowed to fully reopen.”

The Minnesota Chamber is a statewide organization representing more than 6,300 businesses of all types and sizes – and more than half a million employees – throughout Minnesota. The Chamber works tirelessly for its members; providing one-on-one business services, opportunities to grow their networks and knowledge base, and cultivating an economic environment where businesses stay and grow in our state. A business climate that allows for innovation and forward-thinking leadership will help grow the strength of Minnesota’s economy for generations to come.

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