

**WASHINGTON** — Today, Congressman Mike Quigley (IL-05) launched a new online survey aimed at providing local entrepreneurs with the support and resources they need to successfully operate and expand their businesses.

“This survey is an opportunity for small business owners in Illinois’ Fifth District to offer firsthand insight on how the government can make running a small business easier,” said Congressman Quigley. “It’s important that the government do all it can to support small businesses, which are putting our friends and family back to work, revitalizing our neighborhoods, and providing the goods and services that keep America’s economy running.”

The survey asks small business owners to identify regulations that need reforming or streamlining, as well as any issues they face that impede operations and hinder success. It is accessible online at [www.quigley.house.gov/smallbizsupport](http://www.quigley.house.gov/smallbizsupport) .

Protecting the interests of small businesses and local entrepreneurs has been a top priority for Rep. Quigley, who cosponsored the Private Company Flexibility and Growth Act (H.R.2167) introduced by Rep. Schweikert (R-AZ) in June. This bipartisan bill makes it easier for small businesses to grow and create jobs by easing SEC regulations that require companies with 500 or more employees to publicly disclose finances, often prompting them to go public before they are ready. Under H.R. 2167, the threshold would increase to 1,000 employees.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and the government should encourage their growth and success, not hinder it. I look forward to hearing ideas from those in my district on what I can do to make that happen,” said Rep. Quigley.

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