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## **Underwood Hosts Facebook Live Discussion with SBA Director, Shares Coronavirus Resources with Illinois Small Business Owners**

WASHINGTON—Yesterday, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (IL-14) hosted a Facebook Live discussion with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Illinois District Director, Robert “Bo” Steiner. During the discussion, Underwood and Steiner discussed a range of resources that are currently available to Illinois small businesses that have been impacted by the coronavirus outbreak, including SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans. Additionally, Steiner outlined the SBA’s response to help small businesses in the state affected by coronavirus and shared how Illinois small businesses can apply for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans.

**“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and deserve the support of the federal government while they are faced with extreme uncertainty,”** said Underwood. **“During this time, I’m working to make sure our small businesses have the resources they need to endure this global public health crisis and have a lifeline to reopen after this crisis.”**

Full video of Underwood’s Facebook Live Discussion for small business owners can be found [here](#).

During the coronavirus pandemic, Underwood has worked to remain accessible and provide Illinois families with accurate, up-to-date information on the spread of the coronavirus in Illinois communities. Recently, Underwood [released](#) a Coronavirus Community Resource Guide that includes contact information for federal, state, and local agencies leading response efforts; resources for students, veterans, senior citizens, families, and small business owners impacted by the virus; and an overview of Underwood’s work in Congress in response to COVID-19.

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### **[NEW: CORONAVIRUS \(COVID-19\) RESOURCE GUIDE](#)**

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