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## Illinois Chamber Presents the Bridge Builder Award to Senate Recipient, Senator Meg Loughran Cappel

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce congratulates Senator Meg Loughran Cappel for receiving our *Bridge Builder Award*. The Bridge Builder is our newest award which recognizes bipartisanship and collaboration in the General Assembly. Today's release is the third of four to be issued this week.

Senator Cappel has represented the 49th Senate District since December 2020. Senator Cappel previously worked as a special education teacher becoming a union representative for her school's teachers' union AFT-IFT Local 604. Senator Cappel serves as chair of the Senate Appropriations Education Committee and is a member of the Senate Agriculture, Education, Labor and State Government Committees. Senator Cappel resides in Shorewood where she serves and volunteers for various organizations and is a small business owner.

"Senator Cappel represents what we need more of in the legislature, business-minded leaders that achieve results that benefit Illinois communities," said Lou Sandoval, President and CEO of the Illinois Chamber. "It is an honor to present her with this award and we look forward to continuing our work with the Senator in the upcoming session."

"It's an honor to receive the Bridge Builder Award from the Illinois Chamber of Commerce," said Senator Meg Loughran Cappel (D-Shorewood). "Supporting Illinois' businesses has always been one of my top priorities. As a small business owner, I understand the challenges businesses face. It's important to work collaboratively with my colleagues in the General Assembly to continue uplifting businesses across Illinois."

## About the Bridge Builder Award

With the Bridge Builder award, the Illinois Chamber recognizes two legislators from each chamber, one from each caucus, who display a willingness and effectiveness in reaching across the aisle to work together to make Illinois a more attractive place to conduct business.

## About the Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Founded in 1919, as one of the oldest state business organizations, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce represents over 3,000 businesses statewide covering a diverse range of industries. As the leading business organization in Illinois, the Illinois Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to advocating for a business environment that promotes economic growth, free enterprise, and economic prosperity for businesses of all sizes and across all industries.