



**WISCONSIN
RESTAURANT
ASSOCIATION**

WE HEARD YOUR CHALLENGES AND WE ADVOCATED FOR YOU

We stand up for you. It's the job of the Wisconsin Restaurant Association to stay on top of things effecting your business. We vet out pending legislation or new regulations and give that info to our members in layman's terms. Our job is to be a champion for restaurants, bars, hotels and other tourism businesses. Which means making sure that we're protecting your business through non-partisan, pro-business advocacy. WRA listens to the needs of the food and beverage industry. And through our daily representation at the State Capitol and in DC we are able to guide the discussion on policy that is fair to our industry's operators.

Cocktails-to-Go

A seemingly simple request took a lot of effort but we pulled off a win with restaurants and bars being granted the opportunity to sell sealed cocktails to go.



PPP & RRF Expense Deductibility

Pushed for Wisconsin to mirror the federal government and allow for expenses paid with COVID PPP loan & RRF grant proceeds to also be tax deductible.



"We're All In" Grants

WRA worked with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to help restaurant and hospitality operators claim over \$670 million in grants during COVID.



Unemployment Insurance Account Replenishment

Made sure that employers who were forced to lay off workers due to the pandemic, had their Unemployment Insurance Funds replenished and were not penalized due to restrictions and shutdowns.



Pandemic Liability Protection

WRA worked with other business groups to ensure that struggling small businesses are not saddled with frivolous lawsuits connected to COVID 19 transmission.

What We're Working On Now.

Workforce Development

With our industry now facing an epic labor shortage, WRA is fully focused on how to help.

- Seeking a guest worker program to allow undocumented workers to legally stay and work here
- Advocating for legal status for Dreamers
- Requesting increases in J1 student exchange and H-2B work visa programs
- Creation of a temporary worker visa program to match legal foreign-born workers with employers

Repeal Personal Property Tax

Fighting for the elimination of this archaic 175-year-old tax that requires you to pay taxes every year on fixtures and equipment (regardless how long ago you purchased it), discouraging you from investing that money back into your business for upgrades and remodeling.



Third Party Delivery Consent Law

Food delivery is critical to business growth. But there must be transparency with third party vendors. WRA is advocating for:

- Giving restaurants the right to know and determine when and if their food is delivered by a third party.
- Restaurants deserve transparency on issues surrounding fees, costs, terms, policies, marketing practices and insurance/indemnity must be clear.