

TAB Survey Shows Businesses Struggling to Hire Workers
80% of Respondents Call for End to \$300/Week Federal Supplement

AUSTIN – The Texas Association of Businesses (TAB), in conjunction with local chambers of commerce, recently conducted a survey among its business members to determine whether they are struggling to find workers as they reopen. While unscientific, these results show a concerning trend among Texas businesses.

Of the 177 businesses surveyed:

- 48% have 1-5 positions currently available.
- 11% have 6-10 positions available.
- 11% have 20 or more available positions.
- 21% say they do not currently have any available positions.

The overwhelming majority of these businesses cited the \$300/month federal supplement workers are receiving as the reason they are unable to fill their job openings.

“While the initial federal unemployment supplement was needed at the height of the pandemic, its continuance for those who are eligible to work is keeping businesses from unleashing the full might of the Texas economy,” said TAB CEO, Glenn Hamer. “This survey is just a sample of what TAB has been hearing for weeks from organizations all throughout Texas and backs up the recent call by the United States Chamber of Commerce to put an end to this federal supplement. With vaccines readily available to anyone who wants one, it is time for the President and Congress to realize that this policy is a barrier to enhanced employment in Texas and throughout the country.”