



MISSOURI Restaurant News

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Bill Introduced to Replenish RRF

ENTRÉE Act sponsored by MO Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer

Last night, Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) introduced the Entrepreneurs Need Timely Replenishment for Eating Establishments (ENTRÉE) Act which provides \$60 billion in additional funds for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) and includes a plan for where the funds will come from.

The ENTRÉE Act will:

- Provide \$60 billion to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) RRF, paid for by rescinding money from unspent Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and state and local funds within the American Rescue Plan.
- Increase oversight responsibilities and audit requirements for the SBA.
- Require all applications to be received, reviewed, processed, and disbursed on a first come, first served basis.

You can read more about the bill [here](#).

This is a second formal bill introduced for additional funding. The main difference between the bills is that this one includes a plan for paying for the additional \$60 billion.

The replenishment bills will not be brought to the floor for debate unless there is broad bipartisan support. *Congress heard our voice when they created the RRF – they need to hear from us again to ensure it receives more funding.*

If you care about the RRF and agree that the struggles of the restaurant industry warrant continued federal support, we urge you to weigh in with your representatives in Washington. **Add your voice**, share your perspective, and together we can move Congress to support our local restaurants.



New MRA member benefit

Great news! MRA is now officially partnered with GiftAMeal, a terrific charitable marketing organization, founded and based in Missouri, that many of you already work with.

GiftAMeal offers MRA members a deep discount and for a limited time is donating \$100 to the MRA Education Foundation for each member that participates in the program.

GiftAMeal has over 40,000 app users who look at their app when deciding where to eat. Then, each time a user takes a photo at a participating restaurant, GiftAMeal donates to a local food bank to provide a meal to someone in need. It is very straightforward for you to join — a small flat fee with no contract or commitment.


Our very own Meegan Whitehead (President of the Greater St. Louis Restaurant Association and General Manager of Anthonino's Taverna) has partnered with GiftAMeal for years. Commenting on the program, she stated, "Customers love it, and it gets them talking and sharing their experiences. It is marketing by doing good, and I love seeing the impact add up month after month. Compared to traditional advertising, there is just so much value — AND it feeds people. Even though it is just a small part of a marketing budget, it's the part that I feel most excited to spend."

Access your discount and book a free demo with the GiftAMeal team at www.giftameal.com/mra. You can also reach out to GiftAMeal's CEO Andrew Glantz directly at andrew@giftameal.com or at 314-656-6244.

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