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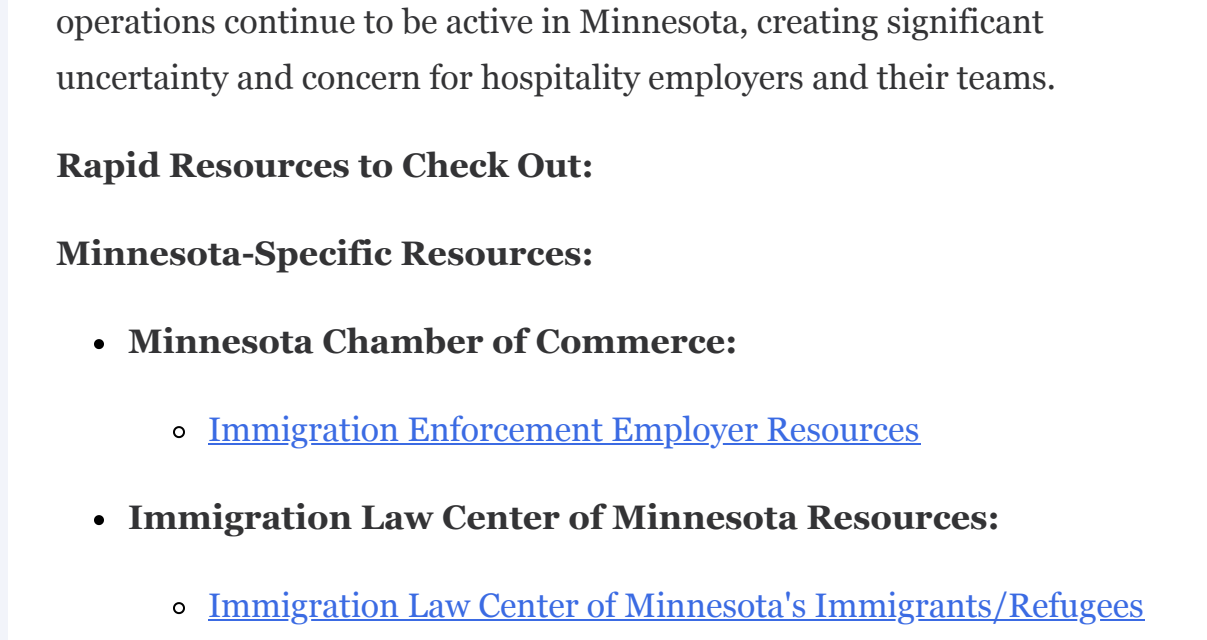
In today's February 2, 2026 Update:

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ICE Operations in Minnesota: Potential Pro-Bono Resources Available



The big picture: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) operations continue to be active in Minnesota, creating significant uncertainty and concern for hospitality employers and their teams.

Rapid Resources to Check Out:

Minnesota-Specific Resources:

- **Minnesota Chamber of Commerce:**
 - [Immigration Enforcement Employer Resources](#)
- **Immigration Law Center of Minnesota Resources:**
 - [Immigration Law Center of Minnesota's Immigrants/Refugees Informational Webpage](#)
- **Other Hospitality Minnesota Resources:**
 - [Hospitality Minnesota Operating Now on How Employers Can Self Audit I-9s](#)

Legal perspective webinar resources:

- [Navigating Immigration Enforcement: Guidance from a Legal Perspective Slidedeck](#)
- [Navigating Immigration Enforcement: Guidance from a Legal Perspective Overview and Summary](#)

Go deeper: Access these resources and more on our [Immigration Resources](#) webpage.

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Describe Your Economic Reality in Federal Reserve Survey Launching Next Week



Prepare your input! Hospitality Minnesota is excited to once again be joining forces February 11 with the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis for the first 2026 iteration of our Hospitality Conditions Survey.

Why it matters: Your responses help the Minneapolis Fed and Hospitality Minnesota educate business leaders, policymakers, and the public about current conditions.

- **Yes, and:** Given current, state-wide immigration enforcement, now more than ever stakeholders on all levels need to know the economic realities of our industry.

What your participation revealed last time: [Key takeaways from September's Hospitality Conditions Survey](#) revealed an industry struggling with declining revenue, harmful tariffs, and other compounding obstacles

The BIG Schmooze: Join Other Industry Leaders February 19

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TO CHAT IN A FRIENDLY AND PERSUASIVE MANNER ESPECIALLY SO AS TO GAIN FAVOR, BUSINESS, OR CONNECTIONS

You're invited! [Join us February 19 at Pints & Paddle for The BIG Schmooze!](#) This networking event is a laid-back, come-as-you-are gathering that brings together Allied Business members with restaurant, hotel, and resort operators from across Minnesota.

What to expect: It's all about good conversations, new connections, and keeping our hospitality community strong—without the stuffy conference feel.

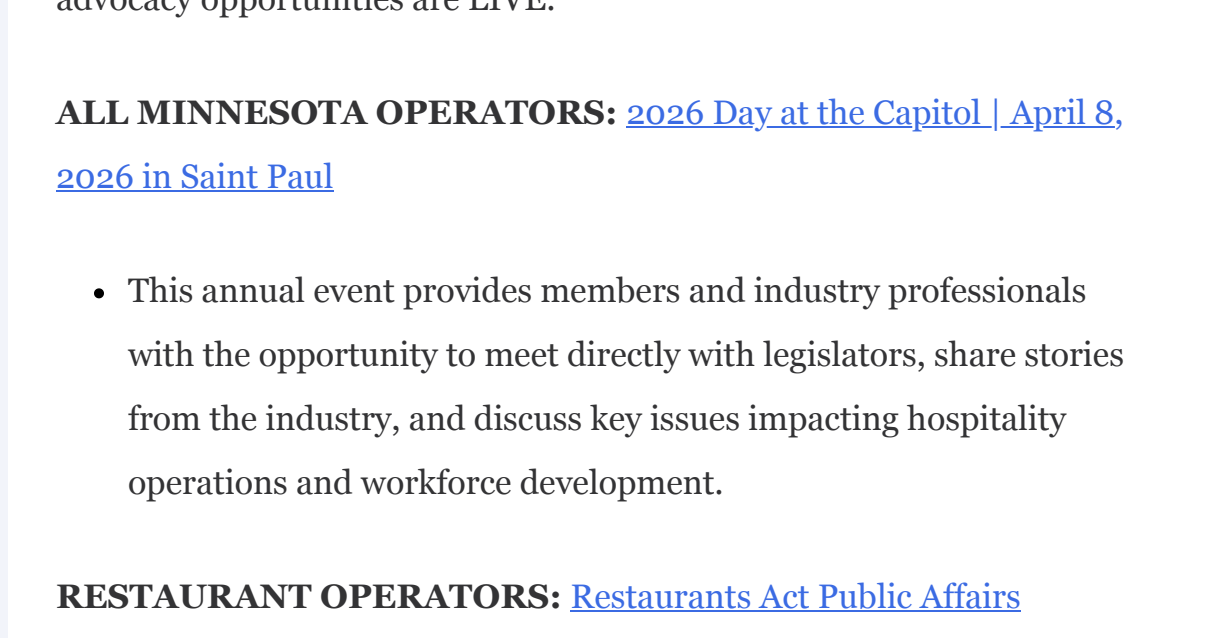
- Think of it as an industry happy hour: casual, social, and designed to make meeting new people easy.

Event Highlights

- **Meet & Mingle:** Chat with decision makers in a relaxed setting.
- **Buy a Drink:** Allied members are encouraged to buy an owner/operator a beverage— it's a natural conversation starter!
- **Open Networking:** Plenty of time to hang out, share ideas, and connect over light bites and drinks.

[Register Now!](#)

Your Perspective is Needed: Share Your Paid Leave Experience



We need your data. Hospitality Minnesota is collecting member feedback on the state's Paid Family and Medical Leave (PFML) program to shape our advocacy strategy for the 2026 legislative session.

The big picture: Legislators need to hear more than just "it's difficult"—they need specific data on:

- Expected administrative burdens.
- The financial impact of the 0.88% and 0.66% premiums.
- Staffing challenges related to the 20-week maximum leave.

Go deeper: Take a few minutes out of your day to share your experience and help us build a stronger case for the hospitality industry.

[Share Your Experience](#)

REGISTER TODAY: 2026 Advocacy Opportunities



Attention advocates: Registrations for all three of our key 2026 advocacy opportunities are LIVE.

ALL MINNESOTA OPERATORS: [2026 Day at the Capitol | April 8, 2026 in Saint Paul](#)

- This annual event provides members and industry professionals with the opportunity to meet directly with legislators, share stories from the industry, and discuss key issues impacting hospitality operations and workforce development.

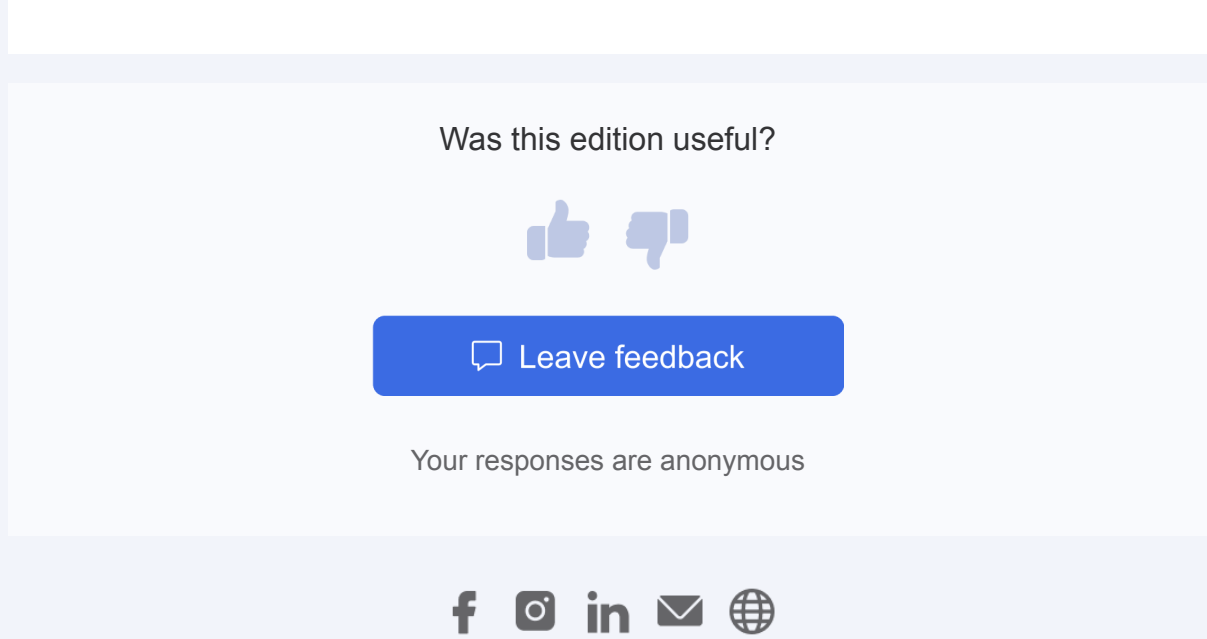
RESTAURANT OPERATORS: [Restaurants Act Public Affairs Conference | March 10-12, 2026 in Washington D.C.](#)

- Be part of the restaurant industry's largest grassroots advocacy event to connect with lawmakers on Capitol Hill, hear from top political speakers, and join fellow industry leaders at exclusive networking events.

LODGING OPERATORS: [Hotels on the Hill | May 12-23, 2026 in Washington D.C.](#)

- Join AHLA members from across the country to meet with Members of Congress from your home state and share the issues most impacting your business, your guests and the great people who work in our industry.

ServSafe Classes Near You



Did you know: Minnesota law requires at least one certified food manager on staff at nearly every food establishment.

[Check our Event Calendar](#) for upcoming ServSafe classes!

- [Owatonna - February 3](#)
- [Plymouth - February 3](#)
- [Woodbury - February 4](#)
- [Minneapolis East - February 6](#)
- [Worthington - February 6](#)
- [Winona - February 9](#)

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In the News

- [The Salt Cure Restaurant Recovery Fund](#) | Emergency Aid for MN Restaurants
- [Meet Minneapolis survey shows 90% of businesses impacted by ICE](#) | MSP Business Journal
- [Musician who owns Stillwater restaurant describes how ICE sweeps upended life, industry](#) | Bring Me The News
- [How to Help People in Minnesota Get Food Right Now](#) | The Kitchn
- [Modern Times Cafe becomes 'free restaurant' in response to ICE surge](#) | Bring Me The News
- [Federal agents arrest 4 at Brainerd restaurant](#) | Brainerd Dispatch

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