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REALTORS® in Southwest Illinois Attend 2018 Illinois REALTORS® Capitol Conference

(Shiloh, Ill. | April 23, 2018) Over 20 Members of the REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois participated in the Illinois REALTORS® Capitol Conference and “REALTOR® Lobby Day,” April 10 in Springfield.

More than 700 Illinois REALTORS® traveled to Springfield for the annual Capitol Conference to lobby state legislators on legislative and regulatory issues that affect homeowners and the real estate industry. REALTORS® know their local communities and the importance a strong real estate industry can have on the overall state economy.

Among the issues discussed at the conference were rent control, expansion of home rule, and local consolidation to reduce tax burden. “There are a lot of REALTORS®, over 1.2 million of us, and it is nice to know we have a voice,” said Tammy Mitchell Hines, Managing Broker of Tammy Mitchell Hines & Co. “That our legislators are taking the time to listen to the “why” behind our support or opposition of a particular bill and what impact the bill could have on homeowners.”

“Being a part of Lobby day for our industry shows that we care about what we do, and the issues that are surrounding us,” said Cara Srogus, Mortgage Lender with Regions Mortgage. Srogus, who attended the conference, is an Affiliate member of the REALTOR® Association of Southwestern Illinois. Affiliates are professionals in the real estate industry who provide services and products to homeowners often during the homebuying process. “By meeting with our local legislators, we can inform them of our stance and our opinions of the bills that impact us directly.”

Illinois REALTORS® is a voluntary trade association whose more than 47,000 members are engaged in all facets of the real estate industry. In addition to serving the professional needs of its members, Illinois REALTORS® works to protect the rights of private property owners in the state by recommending and promoting legislation that safeguards and advances the interest of real property ownership.

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