

THE COUNCIL TO ASSIST & UNITE SMALL EMPLOYERS, A Non-Profit Association

MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR REGULAR MEMBERS

THIS AGREEMENT is made on the date shown below between the employer named below (the "Member") and The Council to Assist & Unite Small Employers, a D.C. non-profit corporation ("CAUSE"), WITNESSETH:

1. Purpose of Association. The purpose of CAUSE is to provide small businesses with representation before Congress and state legislative groups to address issues of common concern to the small business community and to offer other services to its members at prices and with features that would otherwise be unaffordable or unavailable to them because of their size or geographic location. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CAUSE is under no obligation to provide any such representation or services to its Members except as its Board of Directors, in its absolute discretion, deems appropriate and within the fiscal ability of the Association.
2. Cost of Membership. All members must pay membership dues in such amount as is determined by CAUSE Board of Directors from time to time but such dues may be waived at any time for any class of members or all members, at the absolute discretion of the Board of Directors. The current dues structure is as follows: Retail & Service Businesses - \$15 per month; Manufacturing & Wholesale Businesses - \$20 per month; Construction & Farming - \$25 per month.
3. Program Fees. Members participating in special programs offered by CAUSE shall pay such program fees and dues as are levied by the CAUSE Board of Directors from time to time. These dues and fees may vary from time to time both as to their amount, description, the manner in which they are levied and collected and the purposes for which they are utilized and may be waived in whole or in part in the absolute discretion of CAUSE Board of Directors.
4. Failure to Pay Dues and Fees. Failure of any Member to pay membership dues or any other dues or fees of CAUSE within the time limits or manner prescribed by the CAUSE Board of Directors will cause the Member to forfeit his or her membership in CAUSE and shall terminate all privileges of membership including the right to participate in any Association programs and utilize any Association resources subject to applicable state or federal law regarding the other services being provided to the member at any given time.
5. Association Governance. A Board of Directors that shall be chosen in accordance with the CAUSE bylaws shall at all times govern CAUSE..
6. Association Bylaws. The Member hereby acknowledges that he/she has been given the website address for CAUSE, www.thecause4u.com and that he/she has had online access in order to view the current bylaws of CAUSE as posted thereon and he/she agrees to accept and abide by such bylaws at all times during his/her membership herein.
7. Revocable Proxy. Member hereby grants to the Executive Director of CAUSE a revocable proxy to vote on any issue at any regular or special meeting of CAUSE Regular Members. This proxy may be revoked at any time by the Member upon giving 20 days notice in writing to the Executive Director of such revocation by certified mail, postage prepaid and mailed to the address for the Executive Director shown at the time on the CAUSE website.
8. Controlling Law. The laws of the District of Columbia shall govern this Agreement. If any part of this Agreement shall be found invalid or unenforceable by a court with jurisdiction, all other parts of the Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.
9. Modifications and Addendums. No modifications or addendums to this Agreement shall be effective unless they be in writing signed by the party or parties sought to be charged thereby.

Name of Business:	Printed Name of Officer Signing Below:
Mailing Address of Business:	Telephone #:
	Fax #:
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date of Signature of Authorized Officer: