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Bill Kramer is the Director of Policy at Council of State Chambers (COSC). According to LinkedIn, he’s also the Research Manager at the State Chamber Policy Center. And, he is also a Senior Policy Analyst at Multistate Associates, the for-profit lobbying shop that basically staffs COSC. Kramer had a very short stint working as intern for Senator Tom Carper (D-DE) in 2012 after he started working for MultiState in 2011 and then returning to the firm in 2012. He also canvassed for Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-VA) and interned with California State Rep. Marty Block. He graduated from law school in San Francisco in 2010, after getting his BA in history from Ohio University in 2007.

Others who asked or conveyed questions during the webinar:

Tom Schuman, Senior Vice President, Communications and Operations, **Indiana** Chamber of Commerce

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Barry Robinson, Vice President, Chamber Services & Membership Development, **Michigan** Chamber of Commerce

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