

Indiana County Chamber of Commerce



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Dear Chamber Member:


Late last week, the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce and Chambers of Commerce across the country discovered that CertifiChecks, Inc., the company which administers gift certificate programs for Chambers and other organizations, has ceased operations. We were not contacted directly, but rather learned of the program termination through the company's website that a Chapter 7 bankruptcy filing is imminent. Numerous attempts by this Chamber, numerous Chambers and our national trade association to reach the firm's office and officers have been unsuccessful. According to the official CertifiChecks company statement, any CertifiChecks gift certificates that are deposited as checks by participating merchants will be returned. This includes those issued in Indiana County. To protect your company from loss, we'd ask that all businesses that accept CertifiChecks immediately remove all related door and register decals indicating that you accept these gift certificates. All businesses should refuse to accept any CertifiChecks presented by customers. Please advise any customers who present these certificates that they should bring them to the Chamber Office at 1019 Philadelphia Street. The Indiana County Chamber of Commerce will work on behalf of customers to secure reimbursement from CertifiChecks. We apologize for this significant inconvenience and we share your disappointment that the program was ended without notice to the Indiana County Chamber of Commerce or our participating merchants. Regulatory agencies have been contacted and are examining this situation. For further information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana P. Henry". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dana P. Henry
President

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