



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## **Senator Carlucci Hosts Small Business Roundtable on Jobs**

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**Haverstraw, N.Y.** – Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) hosted a roundtable discussion with several local small business owners on how to improve New York's business climate, its economy and create jobs.

“It is imperative that I understand the needs of local business owners so I can take their ideas back to Albany,” Senator Carlucci said. “Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy and must have the full support of state government. By working together, we can improve New York’s business climate, its economy and create jobs. “

This forum is part of the Independent Democratic Conference's “ThoughtRaiser Initiative”. Ideas presented during these discussions will be turned into legislation and advanced during the upcoming legislative session.

During the past legislative session, Senator Carlucci supported several pieces of legislation aimed at creating jobs including a land swap bill that Governor Cuomo signed into law that allows for the development of an electric transition structure which creates jobs in the construction of the substation but also will allow Verizon to expand their data center facilities which encourages businesses to come to Rockland.

This bill is a perfect example of a public private partnership that will clear the way for job creation and economic development in Orangetown.

In addition, Senator Carlucci called for the reinstatement of the Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, an economic development program that will create more than \$460 million dollars in private investment to New York State and more than 1,600 jobs.

Recognizing that high energy costs are another reason why businesses are moving out of New York State, Senator Carlucci co-sponsored legislation called Recharge New York that will help to attract and retain businesses by creating a permanent and stable power program, as well as legislation that creates a solar renewable energy credit program to stimulate the installation of solar projects that will create thousands of new jobs.

These are just a few examples of job creating legislation that Senator Carlucci supported last session.

“ I want to give small businesses all the support possible and I am committed to finding solutions to make New York more business friendly in the upcoming session,” Senator Carlucci said.

From 1998 through 2008, New York’s job growth rate was 4.6 percent – just one fifth of the national average. Only one state, Rhode Island, had a lower rate of growth. More importantly, three regions in New York, all upstate, had a negative job growth rate during this time. This past October, New York received the dubious distinction of having the least hospitable tax climate in the nation.

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