



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

James L. Seward

Seward Named Guardian Of Small Business

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ONEONTA, 01/20/15 -- State Senator James L. Seward (R/C/I – Oneonta) was recently honored as a recipient of the “Guardian of Small Business” award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), New York’s leading small business association.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our local economy,” said Senator Seward. **“I have consistently partnered with small businesses - advancing legislation to meet the needs of these vital job creators and economic engines.”**

The NFIB “Guardian of Small Business” award recognizes state legislators who have, through their voting record, demonstrated strong support for our state’s small businesses and NFIB’s position on key issues facing them.

In detailing his legislative priorities for 2015 recently, Seward keyed in on several specific measures to assist small businesses, including:

- Directing more state economic development funding to small businesses;
- Eliminating unnecessary and costly government regulations on small businesses;
- Helping revitalize our downtown ‘Main Street’ areas through improved housing and shopping opportunities.

“Small business owners encounter a number of challenges on a daily basis. I am committed to offering whatever assistance I can from the state level to help them meet those challenges and thrive. The success of our small businesses means greater opportunities here in New York State and an improved economic climate for all,” Seward concluded.

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Photo caption: Senator James L. Seward receives the Guardian of Small Business award from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). From left, NFIB Assistant New York State Director Erin DeSantis, Senator Seward, NFIB New York State Director Mike Durant.