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## Community Update: Week Ending 6/24/11

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to small businesses in New York State to encourage innovation and job creation. This legislation will provide a mechanism whereby New York's hundreds of small businesses will be able to access more than \$50 million in federal funds to reinvigorate the state's dormant Capital Access Program, and to empower emerging businesses through the Innovate NY Fund.

As Chairman of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Economic Development and Small Business, a top priority of mine this Session has been revitalizing New York's economy and putting people back to work. Together, these provisions, the budget, the Job Creation and Retention Package, a property tax cap and mandate relief, will help ensure that New York State remains 'Open for Business,' by creating a climate within which innovation, creativity and growth can flourish.



**More than 400 spectators gathered within the first 20 minutes at a marriage equality rally at the Capitol on Tuesday, during which I addressed supporters of same-sex marriage. With my vote – according to alphabetical order – being the first Republican vote if/when the bill comes to the floor, I believe this is the most important thing I can do in my 20-year career as a legislator. I hope my support will lead off a succession of more**