

For Immediate Release
January 20, 2021



Senator Toby Ann Stavisky & Senate Majority Advance Small Business Legislation as New York Continues to Combat COVID-19

Albany, NY- Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, together with the Senate Majority, has advanced legislation to support small businesses that have taken the brunt of the COVID-19 pandemic. This legislative package builds on legislation passed last summer, protecting small businesses from eviction and foreclosure with the COVID-19 Emergency Protect Our Small Business Act. This measure protects restaurants from third-party delivery fees. The package also promotes the shared work eligibility program, freezes unemployment insurance rates, and establishes a partial-unemployment system.

“We have asked our small businesses, and especially our restaurants, to make unprecedented sacrifices during the COVID-19 pandemic,” says **Senator Stavisky**. “The recent rollout of vaccines is very encouraging, but we must stay vigilant. This legislative package protects small business, so they can continue to serve the community during what we hope is the virus’ final surge. I thank my colleagues and Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for moving this legislation package forward.”

You can find more information on all the bills advanced in this package on the New York State Senate website.