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ASSEMBLYMAN CHRIS
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Since the COVID-19 pandemic began taking a toll on our state's economy, Assemblyman Chris Tague has made it his mission to do everything he can to help small, local businesses succeed. When businesses were faced with mandates restricting their ability to serve their customers, either through mandated closures, imposed curfews, or otherwise restricting how they can serve their customers, Chris vocalized the concerns of business owners and fought to ensure our favorite local establishments would survive the pandemic to continue serving our communities for generations to come.

Chris is standing up for our small businesses by:

- Speaking out against executive mandates that restricted small businesses, like a curfew imposed on bars and restaurants, and demanding they be rescinded.¹
- Leading a bipartisan group of over 30 legislators from the Assembly and Senate on an annual tour of small farms and agribusinesses to give agricultural professionals the opportunity to express their concerns to legislators directly and hold conversations about issues affecting the agricultural industry.²
- Advocating for passage of a bill that would incentivize investment in rural communities to create jobs and promote economic growth. (A.2552)
- Supporting legislation that would establish a tax credit for small businesses that have altered their facilities to lower the spread of infectious diseases like COVID-19. (A.3566)
- Co-sponsoring a bill that would create the Division of Regulatory Review & Economic Growth, which would review and make binding recommendations for the elimination of burdensome regulations and permit requirements that stifle the success of small businesses. (A.4717)

¹ <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Chris-Tague/story/96127>

² <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Chris-Tague/story/99216>

USEFUL LINKS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS:

Apply for the New York State COVID-19 Pandemic Small Business Recovery Grant Program:
nysmallbusinessrecovery.com

Apply for the NYS Restaurant Resiliency Program (provides grant funding to restaurants that choose to provide meals and food to people within distressed or under-represented communities):
esd.ny.gov/restaurant-resiliency-program

Apply for the New York Forward Loan Fund, which provides working capital loans so small businesses, nonprofits, and small residential landlords can have access to credit as they reopen. These loans are available to small businesses and nonprofits that did not receive U.S. Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program funding of greater than \$500,000 or an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for COVID-19 greater than \$150,000, and small landlords:
<https://esd.ny.gov/nyforwardloans-info>



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