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## **Small Business Endorses Senator Frank Padavan for Re-Election**

**ALBANY, September 12, 2008** - New York's leading small business association, the National Federation of Independent Business, today endorsed Senator Bill Larkin for re-election in the 11<sup>th</sup> Senate district.

"As a State Senator, Frank Padavan has been a steadfast ally and solid vote for small business," said NFIB/New York State Director Mike Elmendorf. "Senator Padavan will continue to fight to cut taxes, rein in government spending, and improve our economic competitiveness. He will oppose job-killing mandates and stand up for entrepreneurs and free-enterprise. Senator Frank Padavan is the right choice for small business."

This year, NFIB recognized Senator Padavan's 100 percent voting record on key small business issues by honoring him as one of our 2008 "Guardians of Small Business."

With rising energy prices and healthcare costs, small business owners are looking for solutions to reduce the cost of doing business in New York.

"Senator Padavan understands that the best way to create jobs and grow our economy is to reduce the cost of doing business, particularly for small employers who account for 99 percent of all businesses in New York and are responsible for most new job creation. Frank Padavan is an experienced leader who gets results and who has consistently been on the right side of the issues for small business. We need him back in Albany to keep up that fight," Elmendorf said.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our national, state and more importantly our local economy," Senator Padavan said. "The success of small businesses in our community is essential for our long-term growth and prosperity. I am proud to have the support of the small business community and the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Business of New York and I look forward to continuing onward toward our shared mission of providing relief and opportunities for all small businesses throughout New York State and Northeast Queens."

Small business owners and their employees vote in high numbers and are known for actively recruiting friends, family members and acquaintances to go to the polls.

NFIB's political support is based on the candidate's position and record on small-business issues. Senator Padavan's endorsement comes from the NFIB/New York SAFE (Save America's Free Enterprise) Trust, the political action committee for NFIB/New York's membership. The endorsement puts the considerable grassroots support of the state's small businesses behind the Padavan campaign.

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