

## **Candidate Tom Corbett's**

### **Message to Small Business**

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Walk through any small town or big city in Pennsylvania and you are sure to see the many small businesses that make up the fabric of our communities. Every day, thousands of Pennsylvanians get their daily cup of coffee or visit their favorite barbershop, thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit of the commonwealth's many small business owners. But due to the recent economy, many have been forced to downsize or close their doors all together. It's a fact that hasn't been lost on Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett. It's something he plans to change as Governor.

Corbett feels it is time that Pennsylvania's small businesses have someone on their side in Harrisburg. For far too long, state government has been an adversary to job growth. Corbett's economic plan focuses on three simple principles: fiscal discipline, limited government and free enterprise.

Corbett will make it easier for Pennsylvania's small businesses to grow and succeed by reforming our business tax structure. Simplifying the tax code is a key priority. Too often, employers are forced to file the same paperwork over and over again to multiple agencies, costing money and time. Corbett will streamline the tax code, avoiding this excessive paperwork.

He will have a Small Business Advocate within the Department of Community and Economic Development. The advocate will be a voice for small businesses by managing cross-agency coordination of small business advocates and programs.

Corbett will develop a Small Business Portal to serve as a one stop shop for business owners to consolidate collection and reporting of all wages, including local, revenue and labor. The portal will serve as a clearinghouse for regulations and mandates, legislation, consumer issues and all state and local forms.

Finally, Corbett will work to eliminate the inheritance tax or death tax so small business owners don't face the high tax burden of passing along the family business. He will work to phase out this tax over a 15 year period as part of a long-term commitment to small business owners.

