



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR


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I am proud – and honored – for the opportunity to serve the businesses, entrepreneurs, employees and residents of New York State in a new, exciting role as a member of the State Small Business Advisory Board. As a former small business owner myself, I know first-hand, the hard work and daily rigors of owning and operating a small business. I thank my colleagues in the Senate for their confidence and affirmation, and I look forward to partnering with other members of the Board to create a more business-friendly environment in New York State. Most importantly, I believe that my appointment to the Board bodes well for the business community in Upstate New York and the Greater Rochester region.

The primary responsibilities of the State Small Business Advisory Board are the identification of resources that will facilitate the growth of small businesses in New York, and the elimination of obstacles that impede growth, through the recommendation of changes to policies or regulations. Moreover, the State Small Business Advisory Board serves as a catalyst for creating and maintaining a greater awareness of the issues important to the sustainability of small businesses across our state, and to the livelihoods of owners and employees.



On June 1st, John J. Perrone was inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. I had the honor and privilege of seeing Mr. Perrone as well as other members of the Armed Services inducted into this prestigious group. Colonel John Perrone has 35 years of combined service in the reserves and active duty. During the Salt Lake City Olympics he was asked to return to active duty to serve as the anti-terrorism chief at a time when the world was welcoming people from countries all over the world. Later, Colonel Perrone was asked to use his expertise as commander of joint operations at Guantanamo after 9/11 where he oversaw 1,200 men and women in uniform and 600 detainees.

The New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame