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Rep. Delgado Highlights Small Business Recovery in Downtown Oneonta

ONEONTA, NY – Today, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) and Mayor Gary Herzig toured small businesses in downtown Oneonta. During the visit, Rep. Delgado spoke with owners about how they have adjusted their business models during the coronavirus pandemic and discussed their experiences with federal small business recovery programs. This morning's tour included stops inside Underground Attic Vintage Boutique, Green Toad Book Store, Latte Lounge, and Theresa's Emporium.



Click [here](#) to see additional photos of the Congressman's visit to Oneonta today.

"I am continually impressed with the ingenuity displayed by our small business owners across NY-19. While the coronavirus pandemic has upended plans and brought enormous new expenses, businesses in Oneonta have adopted the motto, 'Survive, then Thrive,' and found creative solutions that allow their companies to reach new customers," **said Rep. Delgado, member of the House Small Business Committee.** "During today's walk down Main Street, I

spoke with business owners and employees about how they're navigating COVID-19. It is clear more work must be done to support these family-owned operations and I will keep advocating for additional stimulus legislation that includes my *Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program Act* which would allow smaller businesses hit hardest by the pandemic to receive a second forgivable PPP loan. Small business recovery remains a top priority and I am committed to ensuring our local businesses have the resources they need to remain operational during this global health crisis and beyond."

"I thank Congressman Delgado for taking the time to check in with our local business owners, ask how they are doing and how he could help. Congressman Delgado has been a consistently strong advocate for providing much needed support to local businesses and municipalities," **said Gary Herzig, Mayor, City of Oneonta.**

As a member of the House Committee on Small Business, Rep. Delgado has worked to advocate for small businesses across New York's 19th Congressional District throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. In March, Rep. Delgado introduced the [Small Business Repayment Relief Act](#) to cover six months of loan payments for all qualified SBA loans. This was signed into law as part of the bipartisan *CARES Act*. Rep. Delgado also voted for the [Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act](#), signed into law on June 5.

This summer, Rep. Delgado also introduced the [Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program \(P4\) Act](#) that would allow smaller businesses, with significant losses due to COVID-19, to receive a second forgivable PPP loan. The Congressman also helped introduce the bipartisan [Small Business PPE Tax Credit Act](#). This bill would provide a tax credit of up to \$25,000 to help small businesses offset the cost of PPE, including installing plexiglass and purchasing masks to protect their employees and customers.