

# A sales tax holiday

We support A3327/S2281, the 50 percent sales tax holiday proposed to stimulate spending during the holiday season. Unfortunately, Gov. Jon Corzine simply dismissed this idea.

While some longer-term programs have merit, nothing was proposed to provide immediate help to Main Street businesses, including the restaurants that anchor many downtown shopping areas and help drive local economies. Many of our members believe the \$3,000-per-job grant program, for instance, will be too cumbersome for the small-business person to implement, and that for Main Street businesses, creating jobs is achievable only if there are sales to support the jobs.

Immediate tax relief for Main Street's consumers and small businesses, which create jobs, was sorely missing from Corzine's economic stimulus program. There is still time to consider the 50 percent sales tax holiday.

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