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GOV. BAKER, LAWMAKERS, TO SPEAK AT SMALL BUSINESS DAY ON TUESDAY
Small business owners converge on state Capitol to fight labor mandates, higher costs

BOSTON (April 9, 2018) -- Small-business owners from across the Commonwealth will visit Boston on Tuesday, April 10, to meet with state lawmakers and Governor Charlie Baker to raise awareness of the proposals and policies that will significantly increase the cost of doing business. Small business owners want to address the impact of a \$15 minimum wage, mandated paid leave, and other barriers to job creation. Massachusetts small businesses, already facing highest-in-the-nation healthcare, energy and payroll costs, are urging lawmakers to resist new labor mandates which would pile on additional expenses.

Small Business Day takes place at the Omni Parker House, 60 School St., in Boston on Tuesday, April 10th. The media is welcome to attend beginning at 10:45 AM.

Sen. Jason Lewis, Rep. Paul Brodeur, Rep. Joseph McKenna, Rep. Keiko Orrall and Rep. Aaron Vega from the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development will be in attendance to discuss various pending labor proposals. Governor Baker will serve as keynote speaker.

The event hosts are the National Federation of Independent Business Massachusetts, the Retailers Association of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Restaurant Association, Associated Industries of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Package Stores Association, the Massachusetts Food Association, and the Massachusetts Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Staff from the Department of Unemployment Assistance and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development will also be available to answer questions regarding the recently enacted MassHealth assessment on employers.

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