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Support

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AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to amending the liquefied natural and petroleum gas act to exempt the storage and transportation of small quantities of small quantities of liquefied natural gas.

S.1119 (Maziarz) / A.4202 (Camara)

The National Federation of Independent Business, New York's leading small business advocacy organization, supports this legislation as an affordable alternative for New York's significant trucking industry.

Liquefied natural gas is an environmentally sound alternative fuel for heavy duty trucking, an industry that is essential for not only small business but also our state's economy. With the continued technological advances in hydraulic fracturing, the abundant natural gas resources are now more accessible and provide a cost-effective alternative than diesel. This legislation seizes this new opportunity and begins the essential transition to an infrastructure that will allow the motor truck industry to use liquefied natural gas.

By allowing the use of liquefied natural gas, necessary steps will be taken to cultivate the needed infrastructure in storing and dispensing this fuel alternative. This infrastructure alone will create jobs, reduce stifling business costs and help New York's economic trajectory.

This legislation is an essential piece to New York's economic future. It will reduce our dependence on imported petroleum, create thousands of needed new jobs and will significantly benefit the motor truck industry all while lowering the overall cost of doing business.

For these reasons, we support this legislation and urge its enactment.