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**Senate Leader Appoints St. Joseph Business Owner Shane Libel to  
Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board**  
***Shields: Libel is Perfect to Share Voice of Small Business Owners***

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JEFFERSON CITY – Senate Leader Charlie Shields, R-St. Joseph, today announced he has appointed St. Joseph business owner Shane Libel to the Missouri Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board. Libel is a successful owner and operator of a growing number of Subway franchise restaurants in St. Joseph and the surrounding Northwest Missouri area.

Shields said Libel's experiences of owning and operating a small restaurant business makes him the perfect choice to help vocalize the concerns of small business owners from across the state when it comes to unfair government regulations.

"We continually work to make sure that government gets off the back of small businesses, giving them the room they need to survive and thrive," Shields said. "But too often, regulations are developed without any input into how they might impact small businesses. I know Shane is a motivated voice for all small business owners who will offer invaluable insight on alternative ways to regulate small businesses to protect consumers that are less burdensome, meaning a win-win for consumers and small business owners alike."

Libel's appointment begins immediately and will run for 3 years. The board is defined by law and charged with making sure Missouri small business owners have a voice in the development of rules and regulations by state departments and agencies. Small businesses are defined as those with 100 or fewer full-time or part-time employees.

Libel said he looks forward to his role on the board as it provides state agencies with input regarding rules that could adversely affect small businesses.

"Small businesses play a big role in the success of our overall economy," Libel said. "By having our voices heard, small business owners can prevent burdensome and overreaching regulations from going into effect. By keeping the line of communications open, we can curb bureaucratic red tape and focus on alternative solutions that treat small businesses fairly."

The Small Business Regulatory Fairness Board holds hearing across the state to hear from small business owners. Their next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. A public hearing will follow beginning at 1 p.m. Both will be held in Room 470 of the Governor's Office Building located at 200 Madison St. in Jefferson City. To learn more about the public hearing and the board's functions visit [www.sbrfb.ded.mo.gov](http://www.sbrfb.ded.mo.gov) or call (573)526-3606.

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