

Biden Lunches at Pete's Apizza

Met With Small Business Owners

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In other (extremely serious, hard-hitting) news, Vice President Joe Biden had lunch at Pete's New Haven Style Apizza on Wisconsin Avenue today. He met with small business owners to chat about tax cuts. See, it's not *all* about delicious, delicious pizza.

Biden took a detour through the kitchen to meet employees. He then snagged a table with his fellow diners, asking if he could take his suit coat off "because I plan to eat some pizza at some point."

Attendees included [Damon Blacklock](#), a police officer trainee from Baltimore, and [Kathy Ogle](#), a nurse practitioner from [Annapolis](#).

They were there for the Middle Class Task Force roundtable, where Biden found common ground with some of his fellow diners, including Pete's co-owner [Joel Mehr](#), who said he eats pizza every day. Biden replied, "So do I. Just about."

Mehr told Biden that he and his co-owners are getting ready to open a third location in D.C. Aside from their Tenleytown location, there's a second Pete's in Columbia Heights.

"How in God's name did you get credit?" Biden asked. Mehr told the VP he went to 20 banks before finding a local one that gave them a loan.

Before heading out, Biden also ordered two pizzas -- one plain, one pepperoni -- to go back to the White House.