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Pennsylvania SBDC Recognizes State Representative Michael Hanna as Small Business Champion

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. – The [Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers](#) (SBDC) have named State Representative Michael Hanna (PA-76) a Small Business Champion for his support

of small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. Hanna was presented with the award by Pennsylvania SBDC State Director Christian Conroy at the Lock Haven University SBDC during a meeting of the leadership of the Pennsylvania SBDC network.



Christian Conroy, Pennsylvania SBDC State Director (L), Rep. Mike Hanna

“Today we are proud to recognize State Representative Hanna as a Small Business Champion,” Conroy said. “During a period when new jobs are in demand, we are very grateful for the leadership of Representative Hanna in advocating for proven and fiscally responsible programs like the SBDC that everyday work to help small companies thrive. Representative Hanna’s support has been critical to ensuring that the SBDC will continue to be available to assist entrepreneurs and small businesses in Pennsylvania and throughout the nation.”

“I’m honored to receive this award, but the businesses started and grown by the Small Business Development Centers are the real story,” said Hanna. “Small businesses create many family-sustaining jobs in our communities and the SBDCs work closely with various industries to boost the economy throughout our Commonwealth.”

Representative Hanna’s district is served by the Small Business Development Centers at Lock Haven University and Penn State University. In 2016, the SBDCs assisted 502 entrepreneurs and companies in Centre and Clinton counties. These clients obtained \$9.65 million in funding, started 35 new companies, impacted 273 jobs, and increased their sales by more than \$4 million.

About Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

The Pennsylvania SBDC network is the only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high quality one-on-one consulting, training and information resources to empower new and existing businesses. SBDC consultants work with entrepreneurs in confidential, individualized sessions to help them with a range of business issues including testing a new business proposition, shaping a business plan, investigating funding opportunities, and much more. The SBDC program is a public/private partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and 18 universities and colleges across the Commonwealth. For more information on the Pennsylvania SBDC services and impact, please visit www.pasbdc.org.

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