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**SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL OF AMERICA
HONORS MEMBERS OF CONGRESS DURING 37TH
ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL AWARDS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 5, 2020) – On September 30, 2020, the Small Business Council of America (SBCA) presented its 37th Annual Congressional Awards. The SBCA is a national non-partisan nonprofit organization which for forty years has represented the interests of more than 100,000 privately-held and family-owned organizations on federal tax, employee benefit and health care issues.

The Congressional Awards are presented on a bipartisan basis to members of the Senate and House in recognition of their efforts in support of small business. The presentation of the awards in Washington, D.C. has long been the highlight of the SBCA’s annual calendar. This year, due to COVID-19, the SBCA presented the Congressional Awards in a virtual awards ceremony.

The SBCA was proud to present the following awards:



Senator Gary Peters (D-MI) received the Congressional Award for his efforts on behalf of small business with a focus on pandemic relief, including his introduction of a bipartisan bill that would bolster the public-private partnerships providing critical support and guidance to small and medium sized manufacturers during the COVID-19 pandemic. “I am honored to receive this year’s Congressional

Award from the SBCA which represents and fights for thousands of businesses that help make up the backbone of our country’s economy,” said Senator Peters. “As we continue to face these unprecedented economic challenges, I will keep working to find bipartisan solutions that put



Michigan's small businesses first and help strengthen our middle class." Said Gary Kushner, presenter of the award and President of SBCA, "Senator Gary Peters has been a true friend to small business. In particular, his concern during the current COVID-19 pandemic for both small business owners and their employees has been exemplified by his work in cutting red tape and in seeking to provide expanded PPP relief." Congressman Ted Lieu (D-CA) was awarded the Congressional Award for his unstinting efforts on behalf of small business particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic, including his sponsorship of the Reopen Small Businesses Safely Act (H.R. 7880). "Like many Americans, my family's small business was central to achieving our American dream," Congressman Lieu remarked. "I helped my parents with their gift shop business, which allowed my immigrant family to build a life here. Congress needs to continue to help American small businesses survive this challenging period because they are the backbone of our economy. I am honored that the Small Business Council of America would present me with their Congressional award and I appreciate their commitment to ensuring small businesses have a voice in Washington." Neil Carrey, a director of SBCA and presenter of the award, noted "Rarely does someone get elected to Congress who does as much in a short time as Congressman Lieu has done. Congressman Lieu really cares about small business and so many other issues helping those in need."



Congressman Dan Meuser (R-PA) received the Congressional Award for his commitment to breaking through partisan divides and advocating for common sense relief for America's small businesses as a member of the Congressional Problem Solvers Caucus. "After spending 25 years in the private sector, I am keenly aware of the interests of small businesses. In Congress, I am committed to advancing legislation that encourages job growth and supports our nation's economic recovery," said Rep. Meuser. "I am honored to receive the SBCA's Congressional Award

and will continue to work across the aisle to ensure our nation's small businesses are wellpositioned to prosper without burdensome regulations from Washington, D.C." SBCA Chair Paula Calimafde stated that "The SBCA was pleased to recognize Congressman Meuser for his bi-partisan advocacy on behalf of America's small businesses, especially during this most trying of times. His assistance in providing PPP relief has helped small business keep their doors open. As a member of the Problem Solvers Caucus, the Congressman has demonstrated his ability to find common sense solutions to move our country forward."

Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) will also be recognized with a Congressional Award at a ceremony to be held at a later date.

The SBCA offers congratulations to all of its 2020 award winners.

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