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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Senator Scavello Recognized with PEDA President's Award**

**Harrisburg, PA (April 30, 2019)** – During its annual spring conference, held this year at the *Hilton Harrisburg*, the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association (PEDA) honored Senator Mario Scavello with a President's Award for his longstanding commitment to economic development efforts in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PEDA President James Becker, Executive Director of the Economic Progress Alliance of Crawford County, congratulated Senator Scavello, who was appointed Chairman of the Senate's Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee in December 2016 and who served in that capacity until March of 2019. Per Becker, Scavello "was an obvious candidate for the award, which seeks to recognize an individual's commitment, leadership and dedication to economic development in the Commonwealth."

A former business owner, former mayor of Mount Pocono and former chairman of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners prior to joining the General Assembly, Scavello's House tenure was highlighted by active involvement in the state budget process as a member of the House Appropriations Committee and time as the majority chairman of the House Labor and Industry Committee during the 2013-14 legislative session.

As Senator, Scavello has continued to push for support and action on many issues critical to the Commonwealth, including transportation infrastructure investment, economic development and tourism promotion and the expansion of vocational-technical skills training for students entering the trade fields, to help address the skills gap in the Commonwealth.

#### **About Pennsylvania Economic Development Association**

PEDA's mission is to promote sound economic development policies, provide leading-edge economic development education and nurture an effective statewide economic development network to foster the economic growth of the Commonwealth.

PEDA's membership is comprised of county and regional economic developers, state government economic development employees, workforce development professionals, utility and transportation executives, industrial development authority directors, operators of industrial and technology incubators, chamber of commerce executives, municipal directors of community and economic development, engineering and construction executives, economic development finance professionals, commercial and industrial developers, and local, county and state elected officials. For further information, visit [www.peda.org](http://www.peda.org).

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