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Greetings:

It is with great honor that I join AdVanz and the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education in recognizing February 23 through March 1, 2008 as National Entrepreneurship Week.

America's small businesses have been one of the steady pillars of our economy, helping to create new jobs and keep our country on a growth path. Despite having to weather economic storms, American entrepreneurs have remained resilient, serving as a source of enduring value for the American family. In fact, today 70 percent of high school students want to become entrepreneurs to market their ideas, build upon the technological advancements of today and further their business dreams.

Pennsylvania's small businesses and entrepreneurs in particular have remained on the cutting edge of 21st technology. Our local businesses have played a leading role in building a stronger economic future for the next generation and creating good paying jobs in places like northwestern Pennsylvania. I salute Pennsylvania entrepreneurs for their innovative leadership and economic success and encourage them to continue their efforts to help to lift local economies throughout the Commonwealth.

This week, I am proud to join local government officials, community leaders, schools, and nonprofit organizations across the nation in honoring the contributions of entrepreneurs, promoting educational programs that will improve the performance of students and encouraging the marketing of new and innovative ideas. Together, we can help build the economy of the future.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil English". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Phil English
Member of Congress