

Representative Phil Green Visits Kettering University, Commends Support to Higher Education and Small Businesses

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Janis Mueller, Regional Director of the Michigan Small Business Development Center

FLINT, MI - January 22, 2024 - Representative Phil Green visited Kettering University to acknowledge the institution's contributions to higher education and small businesses in the local community.

"It is an absolute privilege to have Kettering University supporting small businesses and higher education in the community," he said. "Not only do they support our businesses, but they also play a crucial role in keeping our communities running smoothly."

Rep. Green also applauded Kettering University's commitment to collaboration and hands-on experiences, citing it as a model for fostering innovation in both education and business sectors.

Acting as Representative Green's campus tour guide was Janis Mueller, Regional Director of the Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) located on Kettering's campus.

"One of the benefits of the SBDC at Kettering is directly connected to our students' entrepreneurial spirit," she explained. "At any given time, we're working with students on funding their business ideas, helping them take an idea from business plan to operational, and often through acquisition by larger organizations. The same holds true for our clients in the Flint and surrounding community."

As a former small business owner, Mueller knows that assisting small businesses is key to sustaining our communities.

"There are countless success stories of students, alumni, and community members building their businesses and thriving. We're honored to play a role in supporting the evolution of their business ideas," she said. "Representative Green's visit to Kettering University underscores the vital role educational institutions play in shaping local economies and ensuring the success of small businesses."

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