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Startup Day Across America – Successful Roundtable with Congressman Moulton and Local Startups

Burlington, Massachusetts – August 4, 2016 - Congressman Seth Moulton in partnership with the Middlesex 3 Coalition and Northeastern University celebrated Startup Day Across America by hosting a roundtable discussion with over 100 entrepreneurs, business leaders and government officials to discuss the challenges that the startup community faces in his district and the Commonwealth.

“Startups are the backbone of our nation’s economy and encouraging the creation and growth of such companies is critical for our region,” said Congressman Seth Moulton (D-MA). “Our roundtable discussion on Startup Day Across America featured an impressive group of local entrepreneurs that highlighted how startup companies here in the district are creating jobs and producing innovative products to solve real-world challenges. Entrepreneurs often take substantial financial risks in order to get a business off the ground, and it is critical that local entrepreneurs have the support of their elected representatives. That’s why I am committed to continuing to advocate for policies that fosters startup innovation and brings new jobs to the Sixth District.”

Throughout the hour-long conversation, many pressing issues were addressed including SBIR funding, comprehensive immigration reform, patent reform and infrastructure costs and improvements. Congressman Moulton urged the startups, both big and small, to continue to work with their local officials regarding their challenges in an effort to bring policy change to help these businesses grow.

The Middlesex 3 Coalition was pleased to host such a dynamic discussion between the innovators and Congressman Moulton. According to Stephanie Cronin, Executive Director of the Middlesex 3 Coalition, “The concerns for startup companies are very different than the concerns of established and small businesses. The Startup Day Across America roundtable highlighted many of these concerns and helped us to understand what startups need to be successful and grow in the Middlesex 3 corridor.”

The Startup Day Across America roundtable took place at the Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security at Northeastern University in Burlington, which brings together academia, industry, and government researchers and practitioners to advance resilience in the face of 21st century risks.

“Northeastern is committed to convening practitioners, researchers, and the university community on issues of critical importance, including innovation and entrepreneurship,” said Peter Boynton, CEO and Co-Director of the Kostas Research Institute. “We look forward to increased collaboration with industry in the region.”

Startup Day Across America started in 2013 as an opportunity for elected officials to connect with local entrepreneurs and startups to learn about their challenges and how government can play a role to help them flourish. The Startup Day Across America roundtable was sponsored by the Kostas Research Institute for Homeland Security at Northeastern University in Burlington and Enterprise Bank.

Middlesex 3 Coalition is comprised of nine communities which share a common goal of fostering economic development, job growth and retention, diversification of the tax base and enhancement of quality of life. Members include stakeholders in local government, business, finance, education and development who have combined resources to promote the competitive advantages of the region and advance the economic vitality of the corridor.

On October 5, Middlesex 3 Coalition will be teaming up with Congressman Moulton again to host a CEO Roundtable. For more information, please visit: www.Middlesex3.com.





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