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Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce & Executive Honored With Statewide Recognition

Albany – The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care, the largest single-issue grassroots coalition in New York State, has named Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Royale Scuderi as chamber executive of the year, recognizing her efforts in small business health insurance advocacy.

The Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce also received the 2015 Chamber of the Year Award on behalf of the work of its members.

Scuderi is the first chamber leader to be chosen by the Employer Alliance to receive this honor. The Greater Oneida Chamber is the third chamber in the Alliance's 18 year history to be named Chamber of the Year.

"In working with our coalition in the past two years, Mrs. Scuderi has shown overwhelming support in representing her members' concerns as they relate to health insurance affordability," said Employer Alliance Executive Director Pamela Reese Finch. "She and the Oneida Chamber embody our philosophy that together, small businesses will achieve great things. Ms. Scuderi herself set an unprecedented level of leadership that is truly worthy of its own recognition."

The Employer Alliance for Affordable Health Care represents more than 3,100 small and medium-sized businesses throughout New York State. The federal government estimates that over the past decade, average annual family premiums for workers at small firms increased by 123 percent. The Employer Alliance and its chamber partners focus on educating state lawmakers and advocating for state-level change. To learn more about The Employer Alliance, visit www.employeralliance.com.



Above: Pamela Reese Finch (Left) presents Royale Scuderi with the Employer Alliance's first Chamber Executive of the Year Award at the chamber's December mixer.



Left: Craig Bailey accepts The Employer Alliance Chamber of the Year award on behalf of the Greater Oneida Chamber of Commerce.

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