

### COMMITTEES

Representative Hanna serves on three key committees for the 112th Congress. Hanna's committee assignments reflect his background as a businessman and focus on his top priority: working to create an atmosphere that allows job creation to flourish in Upstate New York.

#### **Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure**

The Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure has jurisdiction over all modes of transportation: aviation, maritime transportation, roads, bridges, mass transit, and railroads. Rep. Hanna utilizes his position on the Committee to advocate for fiscally-responsible, long-term investment in transportation and infrastructure - which will improve safety and create jobs in Upstate New York. He is the only New York Republican on the Committee - making him New York's majority transportation and infrastructure advocate.

- **Subcommittee on Highways and Transit** (*Vice Chair*)

*Highways and Transit is a large and influential subcommittee, charged with the construction of roads and transit facilities and the development of national surface transportation policy. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over many programs of the Department of Transportation (DOT). The foremost duty of the Subcommittee is the reauthorization of the Federal highway, transit and highway safety programs. This legislation represents an investment in the nation's infrastructure that translates into safer travel, more efficient commerce, and the creation of thousands of jobs.*

- **Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management**

*This Subcommittee conducts oversight of programs addressing the Federal management of emergencies and natural disasters. It has jurisdiction over the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security's disaster management*

*responsibilities, and several first responder programs. The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over promoting economic development in communities suffering economic distress, including agencies like the Economic Development Administration and the Appalachian Regional Commission. The Subcommittee is responsible for oversight of Federal real estate programs.*

- **Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials**

*The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over the economic and safety regulation of railroads. Economic regulation is administered by the three-member Surface Transportation Board. The Federal Railroad Administration is responsible for administering railroad safety laws, railroad infrastructure and development programs, and has federal oversight of Amtrak. The Subcommittee oversees efforts to increase efficiency and accountability in Amtrak's operations.*

### **Committee on Education and the Workforce**

The Committee on Education and the Workforce has jurisdiction over education and workforce matters generally. Rep. Hanna believes that education is a critical investment in our nation's future that is directly related to our economic competitiveness. He is the only majority member of the Committee from New York, and is a leading voice for strengthening our education and worker systems to the benefit of New York State, especially Upstate.

- **Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education**

*The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over education from early learning through the high school level including, elementary and secondary education, special education, career and technical education, school safety and alcohol and drug abuse prevention, school lunch and child nutrition programs, early care and education programs. Rep. Hanna uses his post on this Subcommittee to advocate for funding flexibility and increased local control over education decisions.*

- **Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training**

*The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over education and training beyond the high school level*

*including, higher education , postsecondary student assistance and employment services, domestic volunteer programs, postsecondary career and technical education, job science and technology programs, adult basic education, all welfare reform programs, and poverty programs including the the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The 24th District is home to about 20 colleges and universities. Rep. Hanna uses his position on this Subcommittee to advocate for these institutions which provide high-quality education to New Yorkers and are economic engines in Upstate.*

### **- Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions**

*The Subcommittee has jurisdiction over all matters dealing with relationships between employers and employees, employment-related health and retirement security including pension, health, and other employee benefits, and all matters related to equal employment opportunity and civil rights in employment. As a small business owner and a long-time union member, Rep. Hanna brings a unique perspective to the Subcommittee and advocates for a thoughtful balance of pro-growth economic policies that protect workers' rights.*

### **Committee on Small Business**

The House Small Business Committee was established to protect and assist small businesses. The Committee has jurisdiction over matters related to small business financial aid, regulatory flexibility, and paperwork reduction. Additionally, the Committee has oversight and legislative authority over the Small Business Administration (SBA) and its programs. A successful small business owner for almost 30 years in Upstate, Rep. Hanna is the sole majority member from New York on the Committee. Hanna promotes policies that reduce burdens on small businesses and allow these economic engines to retain create jobs.

### **- Subcommittee on Healthcare and Technology**

*The Subcommittee oversees how healthcare policies inhibit or promote economic growth and job creation by small businesses. The Subcommittee oversees availability and affordability of healthcare coverage for small businesses, the Small Business Innovation Research Program, and the Small Business Technology Transfer Program.*

- **Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access**

*The Subcommittee evaluates the operation of the financial markets and their ability to provide needed capital to small businesses. The Subcommittee reviews federal programs aimed at assisting entrepreneurs in obtaining needed capital. The Subcommittee also examines the impact of federal tax policies on small businesses.*

- **Subcommittee on Investigations, Oversight, and Regulations**

*The Subcommittee probes the efficient operation of government programs that affect small businesses, including the SBA, and develops proposals to make them operate in a more cost-effective manner. This Subcommittee also reviews regulatory burdens imposed on small businesses and how those burdens may be alleviated.*

## CAUCUSES

In addition to his standing committee assignments, Representative Hanna is a member of several Congressional Caucuses which allow him to advocate for issues important to Upstate. In addition to serving on numerous caucuses, Rep. Hanna is co-chairman of the following:

- **Northeast Agriculture Caucus** (Co-Chair)
- **Congressional Organic Caucus** (Co-Chair)
- **New York Defense Working Group** (Co-Chair)