

Letter to the editors – Lancaster Intelligencer Journal/New Era – December 15, 2011

## **All small businesses aren't alike**

There will be a lot of political discussion in the coming months concerning small business and how, as the primary source of job growth, it must be financially nurtured (payroll tax cut extension?) and protected from stifling regulation (Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act?).

Whatever those cases, please know that while politicians would have you think that they're referring to the mom-and-pop grocery or the independent machine shop, business size standards are actually based on revenue or employee numbers, criteria that are managed by the Small Business Administration.

Surprisingly, many companies employing hundreds or have many millions in revenue are still considered small. These companies are still plenty big enough to spend time influencing elected leaders and, in Lancaster County, likely do this through supporting the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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