

Boscola Announces \$249,411 PIDA Loan to Forks Township Manufacturer Creating 24 New Jobs & Retaining 59 Jobs

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Bethlehem (February 5, 2026)- Senator Lisa Boscola (D-Lehigh/Northampton) announced today that CryoConcepts, LP, a Northampton County business, was approved for a \$249,411 low-interest loan through the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) that will create 24 new, full-time jobs within three years and retain 59 positions.

“CryoConcepts has a three-decade long history of setting the standard for all things Cryo and this funding will allow this Forks Township manufacture to create additional manufacturing jobs helping to further expand our region’s economy,” Boscola stated. “PIDA is one of Pennsylvania’s most successful economic development programs and this loan will also allow CryoConcepts to retain 59 jobs.”

CryoConcepts, located at 1100 Conroy Place in Forks Township, will use the loan to purchase several pieces of machinery and equipment that will enable the company to meet the increased demand for products being produced at its facility. The company is a developer, manufacturer, marketer, and seller of a variety of cryosurgical and esthetic products and is known for pioneering advancements in cryo-based products for markets including Over-the-Counter (OTC), physician offices, medical & day spas, and veterinarian practices.

The PIDA funding through the Lehigh Valley Economic Investment Corporation, was approved for a 10-year \$249,411 loan at a 2.5 percent fixed interest rate. The total project cost is \$1,117,737. With the goal of creating and retaining full-time jobs, PIDA offers low interest loans and lines of credit to Pennsylvania businesses. For more information about the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority and other DCED initiatives, visit dced.pa.gov.

Pennsylvania One Step Closer to Joining Occupational Therapy Compact Following Passage of Boscola Bill

By Senator Lisa Boscola

HARRISBURG, PA – February 4, 2026 – Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Lehigh/Northampton) announced today that the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee unanimously approved her legislation, Senate Bill 571, authorizing Pennsylvania’s participation in the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact. The committee also advanced House Bill 482 (Markosek), the House companion measure.

Occupational therapists play a critical role in helping Pennsylvanians regain independence and improve quality of life following injury, illness, or disability. Across the Commonwealth, OTs provide essential services in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, schools, long-term care facilities, and community-based settings, supporting seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families.

“Occupational therapists help Pennsylvanians of all ages recover, adapt, and live more independently,” Boscola said. “This compact is a practical step to strengthen our workforce and improve access to care while maintaining high professional standards.”

Under current law, occupational therapists licensed in Pennsylvania must navigate separate licensure processes and administrative requirements to practice in other states, even when those states maintain comparable licensure standards. The Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact streamlines that process by allowing qualified practitioners to practice across state lines while preserving each state’s authority over scope of practice and discipline.

The compact has been enacted by 32 states, including Pennsylvania’s neighbors Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, and West Virginia. By joining the compact, Pennsylvania would be better positioned to attract experienced occupational therapists from other states and retain students trained here who want the flexibility to practice more broadly.

“Joining the compact will help Pennsylvania remain competitive, strengthen our health care workforce, and ensure patients can access timely, high-quality occupational therapy services,” Boscola said. “I appreciate the committee’s bipartisan support and look forward to seeing this legislation continue to move forward.”



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