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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Honorable Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Sam Denisco, Director, Government Affairs
RE: S.B. 89 – Health Care Cost Containment Council

On behalf of its 24,000 members and customers, the PA Chamber asks you to support Senate Bill 89, which is scheduled to be considered by the House Health and Human Services Committee on Wednesday, May 6.

The Chamber commended the state Senate for unanimously advancing legislation over to House and asks you to swiftly vote HB 89 to the floor of the House for a vote. The Council has proven to be a valuable tool in bringing a level of transparency to our health-care system to the benefit of consumers. The business and labor communities helped create the independent agency in 1986, and have relied on the data and analysis provided by the Council to make informed health-care decisions. Providers also use PHC4 data to improve health-care services to Pennsylvanians.

The Health Care Cost Containment Council serves the public's interests by helping to ensure quality, cost-effective health-care services.

The business community welcomes its reauthorization, and asks you to support the bill in committee.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (717) 720-5580 or sdenisco@pachamber.org.