



October 10, 2008

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell  
Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
Room 225, Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (Chamber) and its more than 24,000 members and customers I am writing to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 1258.

The measure protects homeowners and business owners from unfair property tax assessment practices that allow school districts and other authorities to appeal assessments without a countywide reassessment. Current law allows local government authorities to unfairly target select property owners for property tax assessment appeals that often result in higher school, municipal and county property taxes.

Senate Bill 1258 would reasonably limit the ability of corporate authorities to appeal assessments without a countywide reassessment, except in cases where a parcel of land is subdivided, when structures are added, improved, or removed on the real property, or when the productive use of the property is altered. Senate Bill 1258 maintains the rights of property owners to appeal and protects owners from arbitrary spot assessments.

Thank you for your consideration of the Chamber's position on this issue. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at 717-720-5469.

Sincerely,

Floyd Warner  
President