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PA Chamber Labor Day message: strong private-sector best way to honor Commonwealth's, nation's workers

HARRISBURG, PA – The **Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry** today said the best way to honor workers this Labor Day is to ensure that ample opportunities for family-sustaining employment are available in the Commonwealth and the nation.

“The private sector is what will ultimately drive stable, long-term economic recovery and get citizens back to work,” PA Chamber President Floyd Warner said. “Government can help by developing policies that give the private sector the tools it needs to grow, invest and create jobs, but not by issuing unnecessary, over-reaching dictates that stand in the way of a robust economic resurgence.”

At the federal level, Warner said uncertainty about over-regulation and the potential cost of compliance, as well as increasing government attempts to intervene in day-to-day business operations, is stifling investment, job creation, economic growth and the American entrepreneurial spirit.

As Americans wait to hear from President Barack Obama about his latest plan to spur the economy and grow jobs, Warner urged lawmakers to consider that excessive red tape and over-reaching regulations are counterproductive to a successful economic outcome.

While recent federal rule changes have resulted in some savings to the business community, according to one study, roughly 75 new major rules costing the private-sector more than \$40 billion have been imposed during the first 26 months of the Obama administration. Nearly 4,200 regulations are in the pipeline, and that doesn't include pending EPA clean air rules, the federal health-care reform law or other significant regulatory changes.

“No one doubts the president's desire to get Americans working again,” Warner said. “But the Obama administration must take an honest look at how its own policies are working against this shared goal.”

At the state level, PA Chamber members applaud the Corbett administration and legislative leaders for examining the Commonwealth's regulatory climate and its impact on businesses' ability to effectively and efficiently operate, and ultimately, its effect on long-term economic recovery.

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The PA Chamber also welcomes elected officials' commitment to improving the Commonwealth's overall climate for job creators, and looks forward to continuing progress on a pro-jobs agenda when the General Assembly returns to session this fall.

"While many factors ultimately determine business success or failure, policies implemented at the state and federal level can either foster or hinder business growth and job creation," Warner stressed. "On behalf of our members, Pennsylvania workers, individuals looking to get back into the workforce and those ready to enter the job market for the first time, we urge elected officials to allow job creators to be successful."

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