



TO: All Honorable Members of the House State Government Committee

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs

DATE: February 6, 2018

RE: Support House Bills 209 & 1792

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry (PA Chamber), the largest, broad-based business advocacy association in the Commonwealth, I am writing to urge that you vote in support of House Bills 209 and 1792. Fundamental and thoughtful change to the state's regulatory development process is necessary to bring about a government that operates in adherence to the tenets of constitutional separation of powers and to bring further clarity and predictability to the regulated community.

The development and finalization of regulatory rulemakings by executive agencies in Pennsylvania have begun to outpace the enactment of authorizing legislation. It is critical to a well-functioning government that the legislative branch, through its respective standing committees, ensures that the various executive agencies developing and finalizing these rulemakings have appropriately considered public comment, adequately demonstrated statutory authority, accurately balanced costs and benefits, and, importantly, faithfully exercised the delegation of powers by the legislative branch by conforming to legislative intent and statutory language.

Further, the PA Chamber supports efforts to conduct periodic reviews of existing regulations and to make recommendations as to efficiencies and potential repeals, as HB 209 would provide the means to do.

As these bills provide transparency, accountability and effective oversight, please vote in support of this legislation.

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