TO: The Honorable Members of the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: September 24, 2018

RE: Support Senate Bill 652

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing to urge you to vote yes on SB 652, as well as the offered amendment which will strengthen the bill by adding the crime of critical infrastructure vandalism. This bipartisan legislation increases criminal penalties against individuals who knowingly trespass onto or vandalize critical infrastructure facilities, while providing good-faith exemptions for law enforcement and emergency responders who enter such property to protect public health and safety.

Assets such as water treatment facilities, pipelines, telecommunications, dams, ports, and manufacturing facilities are vitally important to the well-being of our economy and to the health and safety of our citizens. It is important that we take reasonable measures to protect these assets, and as such we ask for your support for this legislation.

If you have questions, please contact me at (717) 720-5443 or ksunday@pachamber.org.