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

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs

DATE: April 16, 2019

RE: Support Regulatory Reform: House Bills 414, 430, 509, 762, and 806

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy association in the Commonwealth, I am writing to urge that you vote in support of House Bills 414, 430, 509, 762 and 806. Fundamental and thoughtful change to the state’s regulatory development and permitting 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 increase transparency and accountability to regulatory agencies by establishing a means for agencies to contract with qualified third-party, private sector entities to assist with the review of permits that exceed established timeframes. The PA Chamber also supports reforms to effectuate the timely issue of permits and to provide for the periodic review by the General Assembly of existing regulations.

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

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