TO: The Honorable Members of the House Transportation Committee
FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs
DATE: Sept. 16, 2020
RE: Support Senate Bill 1199 – Personal Delivery Devices

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I write in support of SB 1199, which would facilitate the deployment of automated delivery technology, and encourage you to vote yes on this legislation tomorrow during the committee’s voting meeting. As this pandemic has shown, it is vital that there be a robust system of delivery to ensure businesses and families have reliable supplies of food, medication, and other necessary provisions. Further, it is imperative that Pennsylvania position itself as a leader for growth in all facets of the economy, including innovation and the deployment of new technology, such as the personal delivery devices authorized by this legislation. These devices could be used to ensure contactless delivery of parcels and supplies to homes and businesses across the state.

While we are still in the midst of a pandemic, we are also in the midst of a global competition for investment. Other states have already paved the way for the deployment of this type of technology, and Pennsylvania cannot afford to fall behind. With the state’s population aging and e-commerce surging, it is vital the state attract investment into emerging sectors of the economy, while also ensuring there is a robust logistics delivery system in place to ensure Pennsylvanians, including those aging in place, have reliable and safe access to home delivery.

We encourage a yes vote on this bill. Please reach out to Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, with any questions, at ksunday@pachamber.org or (717) 645-2071.