



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

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs

DATE: January 30, 2018

RE: Support Senate Resolution 226

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 Senate Resolution 226.

The state's economy depends in part upon a well-functioning and predictable regulatory and permitting regime. As a considerable amount of economic development in the state requires permits and authorizations under the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Chapters 102 and 105 programs, we support an independent review of these programs to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of them, to identify any gaps or needed improvements, and to forward recommendations to close such gaps and make improvements.

The PA Chamber and its members remain committed to the stewardship of the state's natural resources and support thoughtful development of the state's regulatory programs to protect these resources in concert with moving the state's economy forward for all of its industries. SR 226 provides for a means to examine how well the state is progressing towards a well-functioning and predictable regulatory and permitting program that allows for both environmental protection and economic growth. Please vote in support of this resolution.

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