



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

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: Support HR 148 – Encouraging Federal Action to Relieve Costly Energy Mandates

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I write to encourage you to vote yes on **HR 148**, which urges the federal government to reduce Renewable Fuel Standard volume requirements so as to provide relief to refiners in southeastern Pennsylvania.

These federal mandates increases emissions as well as gasoline, diesel and food prices, and the cost of compliance is placing significant financial burdens on refineries in southeast Pennsylvania, which reliably produce transportation fuels and support thousands of jobs. Pennsylvania was spared from its gas stations and airports running out of fuels during the Colonial Pipeline shutdown because these facilities were still in operation. Gov. Wolf has filed a hardship waiver with the federal Environmental Protection Agency requesting relief from these onerous federal mandates, and members of Pennsylvania's federal delegation in both parties are supporting this request for reform. Business and labor groups are also aligned in supporting this request for relief, and we ask you to join the 47 members of the Pennsylvania State Senate who earlier this year passed a similar resolution. We urge a yes vote.

For any questions, please contact Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, at ksunday@pachamber.org or (717) 645-2071.