

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: Support H.B. 1819 – Clarifying UC Eligibility

The PA Chamber urges support for H.B. 1819 to clarify UC eligibility, which the PA House is scheduled to consider today.

This legislation clarifies unemployment compensation eligibility in response to feedback from employers who report job applicants skipping job interviews or otherwise failing to put forth a good faith effort to obtain employment. This misuse of the program is unfair to both employers and legitimate UC claimants and we support this legislation to codify existing Department of Labor & Industry guidance denying eligibility for those not legitimately seeking work.

Please contact Alex Halper at <u>ahalper@pachamber.org</u> or 717-720-5471 to discuss or with any questions.