

TO: The Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate

FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: Support H.B. 1837 – streamlining workers' compensation process

The PA Chamber urges support for H.B. 1837 to help streamline particular processes within workers' compensation. We understand the PA Senate may consider this legislation today.

H.B. 1837 represents modest regulatory reform that was provided temporarily during the pandemic, demonstrated to be beneficial and should be made permanent:

- Replacing the requirement of two witness signatures or a notarized signature on a WC Compromise and Release Agreement with a sworn statement from the claimant acknowledging understanding of the agreement.
- Replacing the requirement of a notarized affidavit for notices of suspension of modification of benefits pursuant to a return to work with submission of a verification form.

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