

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Liquor Control Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: December 15, 2021

RE: Support H.B. 2059 – supporting local grocery stores

On behalf of the PA Chamber I urge support for H.B. 2059 allowing local grocery stores to permit beer and wine checkout at any register. The bill is scheduled for committee consideration today.

Our local grocery stores, like many employers, are struggling with workforce shortages and are further strained by the requirement for separate beer and wine checkout. This leads to longer lines, inconveniences customers and puts more pressure on employees. H.B. 2059 will permit beer and wine checkout at any register – a modest but impactful update that will help our local grocery stores. These employers deserve your support as they continue serving our communities and putting food on our tables in the face of tremendous challenges.

We urge you to support this bill. Please contact Alex Halper at <u>ahalper@pachamber.org</u> or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.