



TO: The Honorable Members of the Senate

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: Support the Safe and Innovative Testing and Deployment of Autonomous Vehicle Technology, HB 2398

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I encourage you to **vote yes on HB 2398**, which is expected to be considered on the floor this week. HB 2398 establishes a regulatory framework for the testing and deployment of automated vehicle technology. The current version of the legislation is the product of compromise by stakeholders to address concerns regarding safety, liability, and certification of these technologies.

Pennsylvania has become a hub for tech investment and a leader in this sector, and continued growth and investment into automation of the transportation sector will yield substantial economic growth for the state, in addition to providing greater efficiencies to the logistics sector, decreased traffic congestion, and improved highway safety.

More than a dozen other states have already legislated a pathway for the testing and deployment of this innovative technology, which promises to yield substantial economic, safety and efficiency increases provided there is a statutory path to testing and use. The continued success of our state's economy depends on its ability to remain competitive in both legacy and emerging industries. A [recent report from Brookings Institution](#) noted that Pennsylvania is host to a number of emerging innovation clusters, including in robotics, but is lagging in job creation, in part due to unaccommodating state policy.

We thank Chairman Langerholc and his staff, as well as the prime sponsor Rep. Oberlander and House staff, for their dedication and commitment to developing legislation that moves this issue – and our state's economy – forward.

We urge a yes vote on HB 2398. For any questions or further discussion, please contact Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, at [ksunday@pachamber.org](mailto:ksunday@pachamber.org) or 717-645-2071.