

TO:	The Honorable Members of the House Transportation Committee
FROM:	Kevin Sunday, Director, Government Affairs
DATE:	May 22, 2023
RE:	Support Sustainable Transportation Funding – Vote Yes on HB 1162

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I urge you to **support HB 1162**, which over a four-year period phases down diversions of revenues from the Motor License Fund.

We thank Chairman Neilsen and Republican Chairman Benninghoff for beginning the 2023-24 legislative session by building on past momentum towards a sustainable, comprehensive funding system for transportation and infrastructure. As we compare our position versus other states who are gaining population and have better rankings for economic competitiveness, the quality of our infrastructure is paramount to the success of our economy and the safety of our residents.

As such, the PA Chamber continues to support the integrity of the Motor License Fund by limiting its expenditures to its intended purpose, which is the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges and infrastructure projects, and to that end we urge your support for the approach embedded in HB 1162.

In order to ensure our state has a modern, safe and efficient system of infrastructure, the PA Chamber, along with many local chambers, advocates, non-profits and others, championed passage of Act 89 of 2013 and the recently enacted federal bipartisan infrastructure law, and it is paramount that these revenues be used for their core purpose. Reducing diversions from the Motor License Fund also provides vital matching funds for new federal infrastructure funding. As such, we encourage you to **vote yes on HB 1162.**

For any questions or further discussion, please contact Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs, at <u>ksunday@pachamber.org</u> or 717-645-2071.