

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Alex Halper, VP, Government Affairs

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RE: Oppose H.B. 1465 – Increasing costs on residents and businesses

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to oppose H.B. 1465, which proposes significant changes to the rules regulating a broad scope of public utility construction projects. The bill is scheduled to be considered by the House this week.

Pennsylvania's public utility companies have a strong record of paying competitive wages and executing projects safely, all while ensuring residents and businesses have the energy and water needed to function. It is not clear what H.B. 1465 would accomplish besides making these projects more complicated to complete, increasing costs on Pennsylvanians and likely subjecting these Pennsylvania employers to frivolous lawsuits.

This bill appears to be a solution in search of a problem, and we urge House members to oppose. Contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.