

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Transportation Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: Support HR 322 – Lowering Commercial Driver's License age

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to support HR 322, urging Congress to pass legislation allowing individuals under the age of 21 with a Commercial Driver's License to drive across state lines and participate in interstate commerce. This resolution is scheduled to be considered in committee today:

Trucking companies report significant workforce shortages, which is a challenge for their industry and the many businesses and customers that rely on trucking to move goods to market. While individuals can obtain a CDL in Pennsylvania at age 18, federal law prohibits drivers from crossing state lines until the age of 21, which limits opportunities at an early stage in their career and exacerbates workforce challenges for the industry.

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