



TO: The Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

FROM: Neal Leshner, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: March 18, 2024

RE: **Support SB 819 – Critical Infrastructure**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, I am writing to urge you to **vote yes on SB 819**, which is expected for a vote in the Judiciary Committee tomorrow. This legislation increases criminal penalties against individuals who knowingly trespass onto and vandalize critical infrastructure facilities.

Assets such as water treatment facilities, energy facilities, pipelines, telecommunications, dams, ports, and manufacturing facilities are vitally important to the well-being of our economy and to the health and safety of our citizens. It is important that we take reasonable measures to protect these assets, and as such we ask for your support for this legislation.

We urge you to support this bill. For any questions or further discussion, please contact Neal Leshner, Director of Government Affairs, at nlesher@pachamber.org or 717-507-9240.