

Senator Bob Casey
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey,

Representing Pennsylvania businesses spanning all sizes and sectors, we are compelled to address your recent messaging that places undue blame on hardworking Pennsylvanians for the rising costs of goods and services. While we share your concerns about the impact of rising costs on families, attributing inflation to “greedflation” distorts a complex economic issue and inappropriately scapegoats the business community and the constituents you represent.

Inflation is driven by many complex factors. In recent years, these factors have included federal legislation that you supported and infused trillions of stimulus dollars into the economy, COVID-related supply chain disruptions, workforce challenges that have resulted in higher labor costs, international conflicts, and other major geopolitical events, to name a few. These pressures create significant challenges for businesses, who are forced to pay higher costs and adjust prices as a result. Ignoring these realities and perpetuating a narrative that blames the business community is misleading and inappropriately attacks the character of hardworking Pennsylvanians who create jobs, contribute to our communities, and drive our economy.

Our state and national history features countless examples of lawmakers partnering with the private sector to tackle some of our most urgent challenges. We urge you to embrace that approach going forward and move on from this disparaging rhetoric, which undermines our shared efforts to tackle the serious economic difficulties we face and move Pennsylvania forward.

Sincerely,

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association
PennAg Industries Association
Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Bankers Association
Manufacturer & Business Association
Pennsylvania Restaurant & Lodging Association