



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Commerce Committee
FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs
DATE: May 21, 2024
RE: Support H.B. 2132 PA-Ireland Trade Commission

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to support H.B. 2132 establishing the Pennsylvania-Ireland Trade Commission, which the Committee is scheduled to consider today.

The PA Chamber's member-driven, board-approved International Trade and Exporting policy position statement calls for supporting "public policy and initiatives consistent with U.S. trade laws and policy, that promote free and fair trade, open investment, and regulatory cooperation." This legislation will help advance these policies by strengthening economic ties between Pennsylvania and Ireland.

Ireland's presence in the Commonwealth is already strong, with numerous Pennsylvania institutions of higher education offering study abroad programs in Ireland, and many Irish-based businesses with a presence in PA providing hundreds of jobs. Ireland is also a robust market for Pennsylvania exports. We urge lawmakers to advance policies to further strengthen this relationship, including H.B. 2132. Thank you for considering our views on this important bill.

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