

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate FROM: Alex Halper, SVP, Government Affairs

DATE: July 10, 2024

RE: Support S.B. 1232 – Workers' Comp Direct Deposit

The PA Chamber urges you to support S.B. 1232, providing for the payment of workers' compensation wage benefits by direct deposit, which we understand the Senate may consider today.

Employers take seriously their responsibility to care for employees injured on the job, including covering all medical expenses and paying wage benefits in the event the individual cannot return to work. At the same time, workers' compensation costs can be significant and often administratively challenging.

Many employers, and employees for that matter, prefer wage loss benefits be paid by direct deposit, which can be more efficient, reliable, and cost effective. S.B. 1232 is a compromise bill that allows either an employer or employee to request that benefits be paid by direct deposit.

We urge you to support this bill and appreciate your consideration. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.