

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: PA Chamber memo: Hold off considering H.B. 526

The PA Chamber urges you to hold off considering H.B. 526, which the Committee is scheduled to consider this week.

It appears the purpose of this legislation is to confirm that the protections in Pennsylvania's Freedom to Breastfeed Act apply to individuals expressing milk as well.

This seems to be a reasonable clarification; however, the specific language in the bill includes terms that could be interpreted differently and therefore complicate compliance. We are also concerned that the bill provides a new private right of action.

We urge the committee to hold off considering this bill and instead work with stakeholders on language.

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