

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Transportation Committee

FROM: Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs

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RE: PA Chamber memo: Support S.B. 205 – Local Funding Flexibility for County

& Municipal Bridges

I write today on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge lawmakers to please support Senate Bill 205, which expands how counties can use transportation funds for bridge repair and maintenance projects. This legislation is scheduled for consideration in committee this morning.

The PA Chamber supports opportunities to expand the scope of infrastructure projects eligible for state investment. Act 89 of 2013 appropriates \$5 million annually out of the Motor License Fund for county bridges, though does not clarify permitted use of these dollars for municipal-owned bridges.

SB 205 is a commonsense provision to broaden the impact of state infrastructure dollars to additionally be used for municipal-owned bridges. This will allow state investment to impact more projects and provide enhanced flexibility for local governments to prioritize areas of greatest need, regardless of whether the bridge is owned by a county or municipality. This important clarification will help streamline bridge repairs at the most local level and therefore supports critical infrastructure required for the safe transport of people, goods, and services across Pennsylvania.

For any questions or further discussion, please contact Allie Kutz, Manager of Government Affairs, at <a href="mailto:akutz@pachamber.org">akutz@pachamber.org</a> or 717-439-4829.

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