

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House State Government

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: October 28, 2025

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support H.B. 1113 - Office of New Pennsylvanians**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I write to express our support for House Bill 1113, which would establish the Office of New Pennsylvanians to help coordinate state efforts to attract, retain, and integrate immigrants who choose to make Pennsylvania their home.

The PA Chamber supports the underlying intent of this legislation, to strengthen Pennsylvania's workforce and communities by welcoming new residents who contribute to our economy.

We understand work on this legislation may continue to clarify terms, ensure consistency, etc. We look forward to that process proceeding. HB 1113 would be a constructive step toward addressing our Commonwealth's ongoing demographic and labor-force challenges. Establishing a centralized office could help reduce duplication across agencies and improve coordination in supporting lawful newcomers seeking to live and work in Pennsylvania.

For these reasons, the PA Chamber is supportive of HB 1113 and its goal of making the Commonwealth a more economically competitive place to live and work.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this legislation. Please contact me at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with any questions or to discuss further.

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