

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Communications and Technology Committee

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support SB 491 - Broadband Regulatory Modernization**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I write to express our support for Senate Bill 491. This legislation takes an important step toward modernizing Pennsylvania's outdated telecommunications laws to reflect the rapid shift toward broadband and next-generation infrastructure.

Current regulations governing traditional landline services were designed for a different era and now serve as a barrier to private investment and broadband deployment, especially in rural and underserved communities. SB 491 responsibly updates this framework, providing the flexibility needed to accelerate network upgrades and expand access to reliable, high-speed service across the Commonwealth.

By removing outdated regulatory hurdles, this bill will strengthen Pennsylvania's competitiveness, promote private investment, and support the growing demands of businesses, workers, and families who depend on strong digital connectivity.

For these reasons, the Pennsylvania Chamber respectfully urges your support of SB 491. Please contact me at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with any questions or to discuss further.

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