

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate

FROM: Amy Brinton, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support S.B. 6 - Improving Permitting in PA**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), representing nearly 10,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 6, which is scheduled for a final vote today.

As businesses look to grow and invest in Pennsylvania, one of the greatest barriers faced is our burdensome permitting process. From manufacturers and energy developers to construction firms and logistics providers, employers consistently cite permitting delays, inconsistent agency communication, and a lack of transparency as significant challenges that deter investment and undermine Pennsylvania's competitiveness, especially compared to neighboring states.

Senate Bill 6, sponsored by Senator Kristin Phillips-Hill, represents a proactive step toward addressing these long-standing issues. More specifically, the bill would:

- **Improve agency communications**, requiring notifications within defined timeframes if applications are incomplete or technically deficient;
- **Allow third-party review of applications**, helping to resolve bottlenecks and reduce wait times without compromising review integrity;
- **Authorize "deemed approval"** of permits when agencies fail to meet decision deadlines and do not refer applications for third-party review, thereby increasing regulatory certainty and protecting applicants from agency inaction;
- **Formally establish Office of Transformation and Opportunity** to facilitate coordinate for economic development projects and promote inter-agency collaboration;
- **Create a centralized, publicly accessible permit tracking system** that provides real-time updates on application status, processing timelines, and agency points of contact; and
- **Require annual agency reporting on permitting performance**, increasing transparency and public accountability.

This legislation is a forward-thinking response to one of the most common barriers to economic investment in Pennsylvania. By improving communication, ensuring accountability, and reducing permitting delays, Senate Bill 6 helps build a regulatory environment that fosters business growth, innovation, and long-term competitiveness.

It is for these reasons that we urge you to **support Senate Bill 6**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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