

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Labor & Industry Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

DATE: February 3, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 2189 – Minimum Wage**

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The PA Chamber urges you to oppose H.B. 2189 to significantly increase the minimum wage, which the Committee is scheduled to consider today.

H.B. 2189 would raise the minimum wage to \$15 over the next few years, increase the tipped minimum wage level by nearly 320 percent, and require annual increases to both rates. We do not believe this is the right approach to help low-income Pennsylvanians and urge lawmakers to consider the unintended impact on small businesses, restaurants, non-profits, childcare providers, and other employers who may not have the capacity to absorb these significant costs.

Thank you for considering our views on this legislation. Please contact Alex Halper at [ahalper@pachamber.org](mailto:ahalper@pachamber.org) or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.

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