



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Housing & Community Development Committee

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support HB 2186 & 2109 - Expanding Housing Options**

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I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge support for H.B. 2186 & 2109. We understand these bills may be considered today before your committee.

House Bill 2186 streamlines the process for creating accessory dwelling units such as in law suites and garage apartments, while House Bill 2109, the Golden Girl Act, allows greater flexibility for shared housing arrangements among unrelated adults.

Employers across the Commonwealth continue to face workforce challenges, and housing is a growing part of the problem. Affordability constraints and limited options near job centers make it harder to attract and retain workers. By increasing attainable housing choices and making better use of existing homes, these bills help support workforce participation and economic growth. The PA Chamber supports House Bill 2186 and House Bill 2109 as practical steps to expand housing options and address Pennsylvania's housing shortage.

The PA Chamber respectfully urges the Committee to support H.B. 2186 and 2109. Please contact Aaron Riggleman at [ariggleman@pachamber.org](mailto:ariggleman@pachamber.org) or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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