



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Commerce Committee

FROM: Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: June 7, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support A03476 to H.B. 2388 – PA Common Cents Act**

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I write on behalf of the PA Chamber in support of expanding House Bill 2388 with Amendment A03476, the “Pennsylvania Common Cents Act,” which is scheduled for committee consideration on Monday, June 8.

We greatly appreciate that this legislation reflects a thoughtful, collaborative process involving the prime sponsor, committee staff, and stakeholders. The PA Common Cents Act is intended to address reduced coin availability and an ongoing penny shortage that is making it increasingly difficult for businesses and other entities to consistently provide exact change.

To address this challenge, the amendment sets forth clear, balanced rounding guidelines that apply only to cash transactions when exact change cannot be provided. Totals ending in 1¢, 2¢, 6¢, or 7¢ are rounded down, while totals ending in 3¢, 4¢, 8¢, or 9¢ are rounded up, ensuring an even-handed, predictable approach over time for both consumers and merchants. These provisions are narrowly tailored, do not apply to electronic payments, and are not used when exact change is available.

Importantly, the amendment maintains current tax treatment by requiring all taxes to be calculated prior to rounding and includes reasonable protection for when rounding occurs. The business community appreciates the proactive, balanced nature of this approach.

We respectfully urge your support for House Bill 2388 with Amendment A03476.

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