



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose S.B. 908 - Prevailing Wage expansion increasing costs on taxpayers**

The PA Chamber urges you to oppose H.B. 908, which substantially expands the PA Prevailing Wage Act.

Prevailing Wage requires state-determined wages be paid on public construction projects and can often complicate project execution and increase costs. S.B. 908 proposes a significant expansion by applying the law to fabrication work that occurs separate from the worksite.

We have concerns from both a taxpayer perspective, as significant cost increases on school districts and local governments can lead to property tax hikes; and on behalf of custom fabrication companies, who have expressed concerns that this legislation would drive work to out-of-state competitors and negatively impact their workplace.

The bill would also prohibit the practice of paying “split rates” which employers utilize to promote efficiency on a worksite. Eliminating this option will no doubt increase project costs though we are not aware of any analysis conducted to understand the impact on taxpayers.

Thank you for considering our views on these important matters. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.

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