

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support S.B. 1279 - Housing Permitting Reform**

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The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry respectfully expresses support for S.B. 1279, which we understand will be considered by the Senate this week.

Pennsylvania's housing shortage is increasingly impacting employers' ability to attract and retain workers. Developers and builders frequently encounter lengthy permitting processes, inconsistent review timelines, and regulatory delays that increase costs, create uncertainty, and slow the delivery of much-needed housing.

S.B. 1279 builds upon the Commonwealth's historic permitting reform efforts over the past several years by bringing greater accountability, transparency, and predictability to permitting process specifically for housing development. By establishing clear review timelines, improving coordination among agencies, allowing the use of qualified third-party reviewers, and creating a Commonwealth Housing Regulatory Compliance Officer, the bill helps ensure that housing projects can move through the regulatory process more efficiently..

Increasing housing supply is critical to workforce recruitment & retention, economic growth, and Pennsylvania's long-term competitiveness and we respectfully urge your support for S.B. 1279.

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