



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. 1281 - Residential Development Reform**

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The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry respectfully expresses support for S.B. 1281, 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 often face local regulatory requirements and restrictions that increase costs, delay housing development, and in some cases can prevent certain projects from moving forward altogether.

S.B. 1281 aims to address these challenges by reducing local regulatory barriers to housing development and creating more predictable approval pathways for a range of residential housing types. By allowing certain housing projects to proceed with fewer procedural hurdles and encouraging the use of pre-approved housing plans, the bill can help increase housing supply, lower development costs, and encourage investment in much needed housing across the Commonwealth.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your support for S.B. 1281. 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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