

TO: The Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
FROM: Gene Barr, President and CEO  
DATE: Oct. 5, 2011  
RE: Support for changes to Regulatory Reform Act

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On behalf of its thousands of statewide member businesses of all sizes and crossing all industry sectors, the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry is writing to express support for legislation that would consider the impact of new regulations on small businesses. We ask that you vote “yes” on H.B. 1349, which we understand is scheduled to be considered on final passage in the near future.

Pennsylvania Chamber members understand and recognize the importance of the regulatory process in protecting citizens’ health and safety. Unfortunately, the current regulatory process gives little consideration to the cost of regulation on business. Too often regulations become law before businesses have an opportunity to provide feedback regarding potential impacts on their ability to do business. After these regulations are promulgated, businesses are then forced to make tough decisions in order to comply.

Requiring agencies to seek input from small businesses will result in regulations that better balance public welfare with economic growth. By reducing unnecessary regulatory hurdles and costly mandates, businesses will have the ability operate efficiently; maintain and potentially grow their business and workforce; and stay competitive. PA Chamber members applaud efforts to examine the Commonwealth’s complex regulatory maze, and hopes this will promote a change in the regulatory culture that balances economic growth with public health and safety. We encourage your support of House Bill 1349.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gene Barr at 717 720-5469 or at [gbarr@pachamber.org](mailto:gbarr@pachamber.org).