



TO: The Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate
FROM: Gene Barr, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs
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RE: Support Corman Amendment to SB 1131

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 *real* joint and several liability reform, which the Senate is expected to consider this week.

The PA Chamber supports the Fair Share Act. This legislation limits the application of joint and several liability to cases in which a defendant is held more than 60 percent liable or found liable for intentional fraud or tort, environmental hazards or drunk driving. This bill passed the House on April 11th and is supported by Governor Corbett.

The Senate is scheduled to consider SB 1131, which includes language from the Fair Share Act but adds provisions that remove any meaningful reform from the bill. The addition of these provisions can only be interpreted as an endorsement of the status quo. Accordingly, we urge you to stand with employers, hospitals, doctors and local governments by supporting an amendment from Senator Corman to remove the new provisions and opposing all other amendments. If Senator Corman's amendment is adopted, SB 1131 will reflect legislation that has twice passed with bipartisan support by previous General Assemblies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gene Barr or Sam Denisco. Thank you.