



TO: The Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

FROM: The Undersigned Associations and Local Chambers of Commerce

DATE: June 23, 2011

RE: SB 1131 – The Fair Share Act

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On behalf of the more than 100 undersigned associations and local chambers of commerce representing thousands of employers of all sizes and virtually crossing every industry sector, we ask for your support of SB 1131 – The Fair Share Act.

You now have before you a piece of legislation that is the first major step of a comprehensive campaign to better the Commonwealth's civil justice environment. This bill represents reform of the joint and several liability doctrine that more than 40 states have enacted. This exact language has been approved twice before in Pennsylvania only to be overturned by the court on procedural grounds in 2002 then later vetoed in 2006. The PA House approved this exact language on April 11, 2011 and the PA Senate approved this measure just a few short days ago.

We ask that you reject all floor amendments and ignore the inaccurate rhetoric from the opponents to common sense reform.

We ask that you stand with job creators including hospitals, doctors, local governments and businesses of all sizes and swiftly approve SB 1131.

Thank you for your leadership.

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Insurance Federation of Pennsylvania  
National Federation of Independent Business  
The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania  
Property Casualty Insurers of America  
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association  
Pennsylvania Defense Institute  
Manufacturer and Business Association of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Association of Mutual Insurance Companies  
Pennsylvania Coal Association  
Pennsylvania Retailers' Association

Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians  
Insurance Agents and Brokers of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association  
Pennsylvania Medical Society  
Pennsylvania Restaurant Association  
Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association  
County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Health Care Association  
Pennsylvania Business Council  
Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors  
Pennsylvania Builders Association  
Pennsylvania Association of Non Profit Nursing Homes Association  
Pennsylvania Boroughs Association  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Allegheny Conference on Community Development  
Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers  
Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Physicians  
Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs  
Pennsylvania BIO  
Pennsylvania Radiological Society  
Pennsylvania Chemistry Industry Council  
Broadband Cable Association of Pennsylvania  
Pennsylvania Podiatric Medical Association  
Electric Power Generation Association  
Pennsylvania Motorcycle Dealers Association  
Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology  
Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics  
Pennsylvania Academy of Otolaryngology  
Pennsylvania Allergy and Asthma Association  
Pennsylvania Neurosurgical Society  
Pennsylvania Society of Anesthesiologists  
Pennsylvania Society of Gastroenterology  
The Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery  
The Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons  
Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society  
Pennsylvania's Association for Long Term Care Medicine  
Pennsylvania Orthopaedic Society  
The Pennsylvania Rheumatology Society  
Pennsylvania Chapter, American College of Emergency Physicians  
Pennsylvania Chapter of the American College of Cardiology  
African American Chamber of Commerce  
Asian American Chamber of Commerce in Greater Philadelphia  
Bedford County Chamber of Commerce  
Bellefonte Intervalley Chamber  
Blair of Commerce  
Central Bradford County Chamber of Commerce  
Central PA Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of B&I Centre County  
Chester County County Chamber of Commerce

Bradford Area Chamber of Commerce  
Brush Valley Regional Chamber  
Butler County Chamber of Commerce  
Carlisle Area Chamber of Business & Industry  
Clearfield Chamber of Commerce  
Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce  
Delaware County Chamber of Commerce  
DuBois Area Chamber of Commerce  
Eastern Montgomery County Chamber  
Ephrata Area Chamber of Commerce  
Erie Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership  
Greater Johnstown-Cambria County Chamber of Commerce  
Greater NE Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber  
Grove City Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Chambersburg Chamber of Commerce  
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce  
Harrisburg Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Huntingdon County Chamber of Commerce  
Juniata Valley Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Latrobe Area Chamber of Commerce  
Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce  
Meadville-Western Crawford County  
Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce  
Nazareth Area Chamber of Commerce  
Pennridge Chamber of Commerce  
PennSuburban Chamber of Commerce  
Phoenixville Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Shippensburg Area Chamber of Commerce  
Slate Belt Chamber of Commerce  
Somerset County Chamber of Commerce  
Spring Ford Chamber of Commerce  
StrongLand Chamber of Commerce  
Tamaqua Area Chamber of Commerce  
The Chamber of Commerce, Inc  
The Main Line Chamber of Commerce  
Tri-County Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tuscarora Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tyrone Area Chamber of Commerce  
Upper Bucks Chamber of Commerce  
Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Venango Area Chamber of Commerce  
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York County Chamber of Commerce