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The Honorable Scott Boyd  
852 Village Road  
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Dear Representative Boyd:

The Lancaster Chamber of Commerce & Industry's Board of Director's unanimously passed resolutions on business tax reform, the smoking ban and agri-tourism. A copy of resolutions 0308-01, 0308-02 and 0308-03 are enclosed.

The Chamber wholeheartedly believes that creating an environment that nourishes prosperity requires leadership on public policy issues that affect the ability of businesses to be competitive and thrive. That is why The Chamber reaffirmed its support of business tax reform, specifically the phase-out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax (CSFT) and the reduction of the Corporate Net Income tax rate. We were disappointed to learn that the Administration proposed to modify the remaining CSFT rate reduction schedule in the 2008-2009 budget proposal. Eliminating this tax remains a top priority for the business community. The Chamber opposes modifying the schedule and urges you to keep with the current schedule prescribed by law.

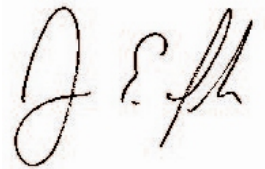
In regards to the smoking ban, The Chamber reached out to our membership, asking if the business community would support a state-wide ban on smoking at work and public places. We received an overwhelming response in favor of a ban. Additionally, last year, The Chamber, in partnership with our affiliate, the Lancaster County Business Group on Health (LCBGH), released a series of health care recommendations in response to the Governor's Prescription for Pennsylvania Plan and the House Republican Alternative. Contained in that report was a recommendation to limit exposure of second-hand smoke in public and in the workplace. Based on the feedback from our membership and past policy recommendations, we urge you to vote for a bill that would prohibit smoking in workplaces and public buildings with the fewest possible exemptions.

Finally, The Chamber is committed to advocating for our diverse and productive agricultural sector. We stay at the forefront of agricultural issues by educating the public about modern agriculture, monitoring and addressing public policy that impact agriculture, and hosting a wide-range of events for the agricultural community. Our

recent efforts are focused on bringing awareness to an issue that affects farmers in the “agri-tourism” industry. Agri-tourism provides a variety of services to the community such as farm demonstrations, harvest festivals, farm vacations, school group tours, hayrides, pick-your-own crop harvests, bed and breakfasts, campgrounds, crop mazes and a host of other activities. These activities are not covered by customary farm liability policies resulting in farmers encountering a number of challenges trying to secure affordable insurance coverage. The Chamber encourages the State to provide a means to make insurance affordable for farmers in the agri-tourism industry. We are reaching out to all stakeholders in an effort to begin a dialogue and work together toward the goal of drafting legislation that will benefit both the agriculture and insurance industries. If you are interested in providing feedback and/or participating in the dialogue, do not hesitate to contact David Greineder, advocacy director, at 717-397-3531 or [dgreineder@lcci.com](mailto:dgreineder@lcci.com).

The Chamber looks forward to working with you toward finding effective solutions to business tax reform, the smoking ban and agri-tourism. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact us or David anytime.

Sincerely,



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