



June 5, 2017

Dear Honorable Members of the Southwest Pennsylvania Legislative Delegation:

On behalf of the business community in southwestern Pennsylvania, our collective organizations and our members, we urge you to pass meaningful state pension reform legislation in the form of Senate Bill 1.

Addressing this critically important public policy issue is the number one state priority for our organizations, and for good reason. Currently, the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) and the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) – which include more than 800,000 retirees and current workers – are facing a nearly \$60 billion shortfall.

Senate Bill 1 is meaningful pension reform that will ensure cost predictability, increase the overall funding certainty, and it will be one of the largest reductions in taxpayer risk across the nation. We collectively consider Senate Bill 1 to be historic pension reform.

We care deeply about this state in which we live and do business, and we want to see Pennsylvania thrive. Uncontrolled pension costs, however, are devouring our public resources at this very moment.

Again, on behalf of the business community in southwestern Pennsylvania, we strongly urge you to support Senate Bill 1.

Sincerely,

African American Chamber of Commerce  
Alle Kiski Strong Chamber  
Beaver County Chamber of Commerce  
Bethel Park Chamber of Commerce  
Butler County Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Community Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Indiana County Chamber of Commerce  
Mon Valley Progress Council  
Mon Yough Area Chamber of Commerce  
Monroeville Area Chamber of Commerce  
Norwin Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry



Peters Township Chamber of Commerce  
Pittsburgh Airport Area Chamber of Commerce  
Pittsburgh North Regional Chamber of Commerce  
SMC Business Councils  
Somerset County Chamber of Commerce  
The Monongahela Area Chamber of Commerce  
The Pittsburgh Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Washington County Chamber of Commerce  
Waynesburg Chamber of Commerce  
Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce