



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Michael Higgins, Commissioner, Aston Township

To: Members of the House State Government Committee
From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC
Re: Support for House Bill 283 and Amendment A01181
Date: May 6, 2019

On behalf of the municipalities who are members of the PA Municipal League and the PA State Association of Township Commissioners, I write in support of House Bill 283 and Amendment A01181 scheduled to be considered in Committee today.

House Bill 283 addresses an issue that has developed in many municipalities since passage of the Right-to-Know Law – commercial requests and the costs to respond to them. Often solicitation lists, these requests are being made to further the interests of private entities. As such, public employee time and taxpayer dollars are being expended to research and provide information for private gain. House Bill 283 and Amendment A01181 address this issue by defining commercial request and authorizing a fee schedule for the information requested.

PML and PSATC support moving House Bill 283 out of Committee with the adoption of Amendment A01181.

Thank you for your consideration.