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## MEMO

To: Members of the House Urban Affairs Committee  
From: Amy Sturges, Director of Governmental Affairs, PML and PSATC  
Re: House Bill 264 (PN 235), House Bill 581 (PN 544) and House Bill 827 (PN 809)  
Date: March 22, 2021

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On behalf of the membership of the Pennsylvania Municipal League (PML) and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC), I am writing to provide our positions on House Bill 264 (PN 235), House Bill 581 (PN 544) and House Bill 827 (PN 809) scheduled for Committee consideration today, March 22.

House Bill 264 – support – would require potential bidders at tax sales to appear and register two weeks prior to each tax sale in which they wish to bid. Additionally, the bill would require applicants to sign an affidavit stating they are not tax delinquent on other properties they own.

House Bill 581 – neutral – would amend the Affordable Housing Unit Tax Exemption Act providing local governments with an optional tax exemption tool for improvements to deteriorated areas in order to incentivize the development of affordable housing.

House Bill 827 – neutral – would amend Title 72 (Taxation and Fiscal Affairs) establishing a process for local governments to develop a microenterprise loan program in an effort to remediate blight.

Thank you for your consideration.