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MEMO

To: Members of the PA Senate
From: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director - Advocacy, PA Municipal League
Date: January 25, 2022
Re: Opposition to House Bill 979

On behalf of the membership of the PA Municipal League, I am writing to express our strong opposition to HB 979 on the Senate calendar for today.

House Bill 979 seeks to punish municipalities for enacting local regulations concerning firearms control. Furthermore, it encourages lawsuits by giving broad standing to third-party member organizations and individuals.

Additionally, we are opposed to the general preemption of local regulation of firearms on municipally owned property. The Commonwealth, counties, courts and schools have the authority to regulate firearms on their property; municipalities should not be treated differently. Municipalities are charged with protecting the public and have the same duty as other government entities to ensure the safety of those attending public meetings and enjoying municipal parks.

For these reasons, we request a “no” vote on HB 979.

Thank you for your consideration.