



Pennsylvania Municipal League
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Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners
President – Dennis R. Arthur, Commissioner, Tinicum Township

TO: Pennsylvania House of Representatives
FROM: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive for Advocacy, The League and PSATC
RE: House Bill 1532 – Support for second consideration without amendment
DATE: June 30, 2025

On behalf of The Pennsylvania Municipal League (The League) and the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners (PSATC), I write in support of moving House Bill 1532 ***without amendment*** when it is brought up on the House Floor for second consideration.

House Bill 1532 creates an option for individual municipalities to speed up approvals for development by streamlining the permitting process. It expands a current tool in the Municipalities Planning Code – the specific plan – and allows it to be used beyond multi-municipal comprehensive plans by individual municipalities for residential and non-residential development.

We are aware of possible amendments that may be offered when the bill is called up for second consideration:

Amendment A01085 (Marcell) – would prohibit specific plans from including language prohibiting the connection or reconnection of utility services based on the type of energy provided. We oppose this amendment as it is beyond the scope of this bill and the PUC is the arbiter of energy services.

Amendment A01365 (Kuzma) – would consider the development of affordable or below-market housing to be public work triggering prevailing wage. We oppose this amendment as it is also beyond the scope of the bill and would be a disincentive to building affordable housing because of the added labor costs associated with prevailing wage.

Again, we request HB 1532 be moved to third consideration without amendment.

Thank you.