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## MEMO

To: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee

From: Amy Sturges, Deputy Executive Director - Advocacy, PA Municipal League

Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 822 (PN 881)

Date: October 28, 2025

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On behalf of the membership of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, I am writing to express our opposition to Senate Bill 822 (PN 881) scheduled for a Committee hearing on October 29.

Senate Bill 822 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.

Thank you for your consideration.