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On behalf of Pennsylvania's local governments, we write to express ***our strong opposition to Senate Bill 1150*** up for consideration in the House Local Government Committee today.

Senate Bill 1150 is a reaction to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's interpretation of the plain language of Act 65 of 2021 which allows local governing bodies to add an item to a meeting agenda with a majority vote. The final language of Act 65 was the result of a series of negotiations between the sponsor of the bill and our local government associations, which were intended to provide transparency and accountability for meeting agendas, but yet still allow local governments to quickly act to address unexpected matters that come up after a meeting agenda has been published. Senate Bill 1150 narrows the originally negotiated language.

If an unexpected matter, that does not fit into the listed exceptions, emerges during a meeting, under Senate Bill 1150 the local governing body would not be able to act. Local governments routinely encounter important issues that surface after an agenda is published. Those that are time sensitive should be addressed at the current meeting rather than a future one. Without the flexibility to amend a published agenda, local government business will be delayed, resulting in additional taxpayer expense or failure to meet immediate community needs.

Additionally, while some local governing body members are paid for their service, many are not. Senate Bill 1150 would require these dedicated volunteers to devote more of their personal time to meetings. This is neither productive nor needed.

Ultimately, Senate Bill 1150 would make local government business less efficient and more costly.

We respectfully ask for your no vote on Senate Bill 1150.

Thank you for your consideration,

County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Municipal League

Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners

Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors

Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association

Pennsylvania School Boards Association