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TO: Members, Senate Local Government Committee

FROM: Ed Troxell, Director of Government Affairs

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SUBJECT: Bills under consideration by committee on June 10th

On behalf of Pennsylvania's borough communities I wanted to contact members of the Senate Local Government Committee regard several bills pending consideration by the committee. Among those bills under review PSAB would offer the following perspective and position:

Senate Bill 775 (P0834) sponsored by Senator Eichelberger seeks to reenact the Third Class City Code and place it into the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes as Part V of Title 11 Cities. This is similar to what PSAB did with the Borough Code last session when it moved its code into PaCS as Title 8 Boroughs & Incorporated Towns. **PSAB supports the measure** and the benefits it will provide its members resulting from the consolidation.

Senate Bill 792 (P0953) sponsored by Senator Wozniak plainly amends the 1st Class Township Code to insure that any building codes and property maintenance codes created under Act 45 by the township will remain in force should the Act in the future be repealed.

PSAB supports the bill.

Senate Bill 793 (P0954) sponsored by Chairman Hutchinson amends the 2nd Class Township Code to insure that any building codes and property maintenance codes created under Act 45 by the township will remain in force should the Act in the future be repealed.

PSAB supports the bill.

Senate Bills 871 (P1005), **872** (P1006), **873** (P1007) all sponsored by Senator Eichelberger amend the First & Second Class Township Codes as well as Title 8 Boroughs to allow for gifts of a de minimis amount to recognize the service or passing of municipal officials, employees or community volunteers. This measure will clarify the municipality's ability to offer congratulatory recognition for those who either have served or continue to serve the community. **PSAB supports the bill.**

Thank you for your consideration of our comments on these local government proposals that may seem inconsequential, but are often most important in conducting the business of local government in our commonwealth today. If you have any questions or need to discuss any of our observations please feel free to contact me Ed Troxell at etroxell@boroughs.org or phone me at 171-236-9526 x1021.