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Dear Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate:

On behalf of the members of the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, I write today to encourage your support for HB 202, legislation sponsored by Speaker of the House Mike Turzai (R-Allegheny).

This is a bill that would provide graduation requirement flexibility to students enrolled in career and technical education (CTE) and eliminate the statutory requirement of the development of seven additional Keystone Exams.

HB 202 was passed out of the House by a vote of 187-0 and recently moved through the Senate Education Committee by a vote of 9-0.

Workforce development is one of the top three strategic priorities of our organization, and creating a more flexible and modern career and technical education system is one way in which we believe we can better connect people to skills needed for the jobs and opportunities that are in our state and region today.

Again, we write to ask you to support HB 202 so we can advance our CTE systems in order to give them the flexibility and tools they need to help develop our workforce for tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Matt Smith
President, Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce