



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Transportation Committee
FROM: Allie Kutz, Manager, Government Affairs
DATE: June 5, 2024
RE: **Support SR 258 – Lowering Commercial Driver's License age**

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to support SR 258, urging Congress to pass legislation allowing individuals under the age of 21 with a Commercial Driver's License to drive across state lines and participate in interstate commerce. This resolution is scheduled to be considered in committee today.

Trucking companies report significant workforce shortages, which is a challenge for their industry and the many businesses and customers that rely on trucking to move goods to market. While individuals can obtain a CDL in Pennsylvania at age 18, federal law prohibits drivers from crossing state lines until the age of 21, which limits opportunities at an early stage in their career and exacerbates workforce challenges for the industry.

We urge you to support this resolution. Please contact Allie Kutz at akutz@pachamber.org or 717.439.4829 with questions or to discuss.