



TO: Chairwoman Hill-Evans, Chairman Roae, and members of the House State Government Committee

FROM: Jennie Shade, Senior Director of Government Relations

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SUBJECT: Support of HB 1139 P.N. 1259

I am writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA), a statewide organization representing nearly 700 municipal authorities across Pennsylvania. Collectively, our members serve more than six million residents, with the vast majority providing essential drinking water and wastewater treatment services to communities throughout the Commonwealth.

PMAA **supports** HB 1139 P.N. 1259, which amends the Administrative Code of 1929 to require the installation of water bottle filling stations in certain Commonwealth-owned buildings and structures where drinking fountains are already mandated. This legislation helps strengthen public confidence in Pennsylvania's drinking water systems while advancing environmentally responsible and cost-effective practices.

Our members support the public policy goals underlying this bill, including expanding access to safe drinking water, encouraging the use of publicly supplied tap water, and reducing reliance on single-use plastic bottles. These objectives align directly with the mission of municipal water authorities, which invest substantial resources each day to deliver safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water to millions of Pennsylvanians. In addition to environmental benefits, water bottle filling stations improve accessibility for building occupants and visitors and serve as a tangible demonstration of the General Assembly's commitment to sustainability and responsible stewardship of public resources.

On behalf of our members, we respectfully ask that you **support** HB 1139 P.N. 1259. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. We also extend our appreciation to **Representative Warren** for his leadership on this matter.

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About PMAA

For more than 80 years, the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association (PMAA) has been the primary voice of community-based services representing the interests of more than 2,600 municipal authorities across the Commonwealth. Services provided by the Association include advocacy on governmental affairs issues, education and training, and member benefit programs.

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