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The solar for schools' legislation is an opportunity for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to make a substantial financial commitment to our schools in Pennsylvania with the benefit of a positive ROI. Normally when we spend the funds of a public body, we purchase a type of goods or services and that's where the transaction ends. This program will give our school districts an additional revenue stream for the next 30 years and help backfill budget shortfalls and save our property owners who shoulder a substantial amount of our school district budgets. The timing of this legislation would also allow school districts the opportunity to apply for additional federal funds to help offset the cost of the installation of a solar array creating additional savings for our districts. This legislation is suitable for each and every school district throughout the commonwealth from the most rural district to our largest urban district. Representative Fiedler has drafted an excellent piece of legislation and she has brought many stakeholders to the table as her legislation was being crafted, Labor, Teachers, school boards, environmentalists, were all included in helping draft this. This legislation will allow our schools to use the savings for maintenance, energy efficient upgrades, air quality upgrades, asbestos abatement, educator shortages and so many more much needed projects. Imagine the legislature passing a piece of legislation that reduces our carbon footprint, brings many good paying jobs installing the solar systems, saves our districts millions in energy cost and is revenue positive, can save our home owners on their property taxes, and allows for our students to see how the solar arrays are installed and gives them a first hand look into the building trades. The Pennsylvania Building and Construction Trades council supports this legislation and looks forward to the passage and implementation of HB1032.

Sincerely,

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President.