

**Testimony of Michael J. Ford, Secretary/Treasurer
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Good morning, everyone. My name is Michael Ford, and I am the Secretary-Treasurer of the Pennsylvania State Building and Construction Trades. Thank you for having me here today.

I believe that Pennsylvania is at an intersection of progress and stagnation. I believe that if we work together in a bipartisan way to get things done, we will set things up for generations to come.

Pennsylvania is home to top quality construction professionals and contractors. Together, with our partners in the legislature, we can spur economic development in Pennsylvania, and provide family sustaining careers for the workers on those projects.

It is time to move Pennsylvania forward and capitalize on the moment. We can safely build up and build out projects that will put Pennsylvania at the top of the list in energy production.

We are all stewards of the environment, and working together we will be able to help lower greenhouse gases while protecting local jobs and giving young men and women the opportunity to join a world class apprenticeship of their choosing.

Let's work together to move forward!