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Dear Representative Markosek,

We are writing on behalf of the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association, representing SLPs and Audiologists from across the state of Pennsylvania, to express our enthusiastic support for HB 1700, "Helping Drivers with Communication Impairments."

If passed, this bill will improve safety and access for Pennsylvanians with communication impairments by ensuring that public safety officers are informed of the communication needs of citizens at the initial point of contact.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring the public safety of all Pennsylvanians. Please contact us at psha.org with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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