


State Lobbying Report
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MALADY & WOOTEN^{INC}

Legislative Monitoring and Reporting

Malady & Wooten monitors all legislative action in Harrisburg which may impact the City of Pittsburgh and its related authorities.

Malady & Wooten compiles and submits comprehensive City of Pittsburgh legislative reports weekly to the Mayor's Office. The weekly report contains the General Assembly's session schedule, a listing of all relevant legislation introduced in the General Assembly along with any legislative action, and all relevant state news.

Malady & Wooten provides updates to city officials either in person or via telephone weekly on issues of importance in Harrisburg, while providing ongoing input into the City's government affairs planning.

Lobbying the Governor's Administration and the General Assembly

Malady & Wooten facilitates and participates in meetings with members of the General Assembly, legislative staff, administration officials and other parties of interest on a regular basis in an effort to support the City of Pittsburgh's legislative priorities.

Malady & Wooten has also facilitated and participated in the following meetings in Harrisburg, with City of Pittsburgh Officials in attendance.

The Wolf Administration

- Governor Tom Wolf
- Mike Brunelle, Chief of Staff to the Governor
 - Rob Ghormoz, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor
 - Yessenia Bane, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor
 - Eric Hagarty, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor
 - Elena Cross, Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor
- Will Danowski, Secretary of Legislative Affairs
- Secretary Randy Albright, Budget
- Secretary Dennis Davin, DCED
- Secretary Pat McDonnell, DEP
- Secretary Leslie Richards, PennDOT

PA Senate

- Senator Joe Scarnati, Senate Pro Tempore
- Senator Jay Costa, Senate Minority Leader
- Senator John Blake
- Senator Lisa Boscola
- Senator Larry Farnese
- Senator Wayne Fontana
- Senator Guy Reschenthaler
- Senator Judy Schwank

- Senator Tommy Tomlinson
- Senator Randy Vulakovich
- Senator Tony Williams

PA House of Representatives

- Rep. Mike Turzai, Speaker of the House
- Rep. Dave Reed, House Majority Leader
- Rep. Frank Dermody, House Minority Leader
- Rep. Dan Frankel, Democratic Caucus Chairman
- Rep Dom Costa, Chair, Allegheny County Delegation
- Members of the Allegheny Delegation

Working to Support the City's Legislative Priorities

Malady & Wooten advises the City regarding the development of specific administrative, legislative and regulatory strategies and proposals. And Malady & Wooten works to support, oppose or amend legislation as necessary. Below are several examples of our recent work on the City's behalf:

Elimination of State Oversight

- Malady & Wooten worked with the Governor's Office and DCED to coordinate the City's exit from Act 47 state oversight.
- Malady & Wooten worked with Senator Jay Costa's office on the introduction of SB 1047 which would require the Secretary of DCED to terminate the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority (ICA). Malady & Wooten is now actively lobbying legislative leaders to move this legislation. It is expected to pass the Senate by June of 2018.

Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority

- Malady & Wooten has worked with the Governor's Office and DEP to maintain an open line of communication throughout the ongoing issues and challenges at PWSA.
- Malady & Wooten worked with Legislative Leaders, Committee Chairs, rank and file members of the General Assembly, the Governor's Office and Public Utility Commission (PUC) staff to coordinate the City's advocacy surrounding HB1490 (Turzai) which provides for PUC Oversight of PWSA. Malady & Wooten worked with the Mayor's Office and PWSA to draft and insert amendments into HB1490 that made the legislation more favorable to the City and PWSA.
- Malady & Wooten lobbied Legislative Leaders, rank and file members of the General Assembly and the Governor's Office in a successful effort to insert amendatory language into the 2017 Fiscal Code (HB 674) that now allows PWSA to replace private water and sewer laterals from the curb to the home or business. This change allows the PWSA to replace entire lead lateral lines without having to sever them.

- Malady & Wooten has communicated with Rep. Dom Costa regarding his proposed legislation to place to PWSA under state oversight.
- Malady & Wooten was contacted by PUC staff and has worked to connect and coordinate PUC and PWSA officials leading up to formal PUC oversight of PWSA on April 1, 2018.
- Malady & Wooten worked to get Dr. Karen Hacker as a joint representative for the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County on the State Lead Task Force and Advisory Committee (Yudichak SR33)
- Malady & Wooten advocated for the Senate's passage of lead in water related legislation:
 - SB296 Fontana – Real Estate Disclosure of Lead in Water and Paint
 - SB639 Fontna – Making private water and sewer lines eligible PennVEST funding

Housing & Tenants Rights

- Malady & Wooten is currently working on drafting a co-sponsorship memo in coordination with Senator Costa and Representative Gainey to establish a Longtime Owner Occupant Program (LOOP) for Cities of the Second Class.
- Malady & Wooten is currently working with Representative Killion to ensure Pittsburgh is included in the representatives legislation which establishes a State Low Income Housing Tax Credit
- Malady & Wooten is currently working on stopping HB1875 which would shorten the amount of time landlords have to expel a tenant.

Reentry & Workforce Development

- Malady & Wooten successfully helped advance HB163 to the Senate which ends suspension of drivers licenses for non-driving offenses
- Malady & Wooten successfully helped advance the introduction of of HB 1419 and SB529 which provides a “clean slate” for non-violent convictions and non-conviction misdemeanors.

State Funding

- Malady & Wooten advocated in Harrisburg for a Smart City Challenge state grant to match the City's Smart City Challenge award from USDOT. To date \$7 million had been awarded, and an additional \$4 million has been committed.
- Malady & Wooten continues to advocate for PennVEST funding for full lead line replacements and plant infrastructure at PWSA
- Malady & Wooten routinely communicates the City's economic development priorities to DCED and Governor's Office, and members of the General Assembly as directed.

Gaming Local Share (LSA)

- Malady & Wooten successfully lobbied to preserve \$10 million in gaming local share funding that the City receives annually. There were initial attempts by suburban legislators to redirect this money to the Commonwealth Financing Authority, and a subsequent attempt to sunset the allocation annually – both of which were beaten back.
- Malady & Wooten successfully lobbied the General Assembly to insert new language into the gaming statute (HB271) which redirected the City's local share funding directly to the City Treasury. This \$10 million in annual LSA funding was previously directed to the ICA.

Municipal Pension Reform

- Malady & Wooten has been working with Legislative Leaders and staff to craft municipal pension reform legislation that would be specific to the City of Pittsburgh as part of a larger bill that would reform municipal pension plans across the Commonwealth. In addition to working with the General Assembly, this ongoing effort has and will continue to require extensive coordination and meetings with the Governor's office, organized labor, the Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce and local government associations.

Local Government Preemption

- Malady & Wooten lobbied the Governor's office to veto HB1071, which would have curbed the right of municipalities to regulate use of plastic shopping bags. The Governor vetoed this legislation on June 30, 2017.
- Other preemption legislation that Malady & Wooten is actively monitoring:
 - SB5 Preemption of local firearms ordinances
 - SB128 Preemption of local of leave mandates
 - SB241 Preemption of local pay equity ordinances
 - HB861 Preemption of local labor mandates

Uniform Construction Code

- Malady & Wooten successfully helped advance legislation to update the Uniform Construction Code in Pennsylvania. As a result, the code was updated for the first time in 10 years resulting in increase safety and energy standards as well as ending the potential for skyrocketing interest rates.
- Malady & Wooten successfully lobbied to add a seat on the board for Cities of the Second and Third Classes

Public Safety

- Malady & Wooten successfully lobbied for the passage for Body Worn Cameras. The bill was passed and signed by the Governor.
- Malady & Wooten is currently lobbying for SB251 (Municipal Radar) to get Cities of the Second Class the right to enforce speeding using radar. The bill passed the Senate in 2017 and passed the House Transportation Committee in May 2018.

Neighborhood Redevelopment

- Malady & Wooten successfully lobbied maintenance of the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit and Redevelopment Assistance Capital Programs that faced cuts in 2016-17.
- Malady & Wooten is currently lobbying for an increase to the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit program to increase the budgeted allocation from \$18M to \$36M.

Ongoing Issues of Interest

- Please see your bi-weekly email for the significant number of bills that Malady & Wooten is actively tracking.

State Dollars Received 17-18

Source	Description	Amount	Dept	Budget Yr.
CITF/URA	Beechview Cornerstone	\$ 245,000.00	DPW	2017
DCED	Multimodal Grant - Mon Wharf Switchback	\$ 492,616.00	DOMI	2017
DCNR	Mon Wharf	\$ 200,000.00	DPW	2016/17
DCNR	South Side Park Master Plan	\$ 40,000.00	DCP	2017
DCNR	Paulson Park	\$ 175,000.00	DCP	2017
DCNR	Mon Wharf Switchback	\$ 200,000.00	DOMI	2017
DCNR	C2P2 Program - South Side Park Master Plan	\$ 40,000.00	DCP	2017
DCNR	C2P2 Program - Park Standards & Adopt-A-Park Toolkit	\$ 40,000.00	DCP	2017
PA OMB	RACP - Mon Wharf Switchback	\$ 490,000.00	DOMI	2017
PADEP	Keystone Library Grant - Carrick Library Renovation	\$ 300,000.00	Finance	2017
PADEP	AFIG/Second Avenue Electric Vehicle Project	\$ 80,000.00	Mayor	2017
PADEP	AFIG/Second Avenue Charging Station	\$ 175,000.00	Mayor	2017
PATPA	Auto Theft Prevention	\$ 251,500.00	PBP	2017
PennDOT	Joncaire Steps	\$ 790,530.00	DPW	2017
PennDOT	2017 Highway Safety	\$ 169,206.00	PBP	2017
PennDOT	Transportation Improvement Program	\$ 725,100.00	DOMI	2017
PennDOT	Mon Wharf Switchback	\$ 1,000,000.00	DOMI	2017
PHMC	Architectural Inventory	\$ 18,000.00	DCP	2017
PHMC	Preservation Grant	\$ 25,000.00	DCP	2017
State Funded	Confiscated Non-Narcotic	\$ 6,836.69	PBP	2017
State Funded	Drug Abuse Resistance	\$ 31,641.04	PBP	2017
State Funded	Public Safety Training	\$ 682,577.79	PBP	2017
State Funding	2% Local Share of Slots	\$ 10,281,279.00	Finance	2017
State Funding	State Pension Aid	\$ 22,129,146.00	Finance	2017
State Funding	Commonwealth Recycling Grant	\$ 330,903.00	Finance	2017
State Funding	State Utility Tax Distribution	\$ 415,636.00	Finance	2017
State Funding	Worker's Comp Commutations	\$ 13,586.24	HR&CS	2017
State Funding	Liquid Fuels Tax	\$ 8,401,048.58	DPW	2017
State Funding	Senior Citizen's Program	\$ 598,679.35	Parks	2017
		\$ 48,348,285.69		