



**Statement from Allegheny Conference on Community Development
Chief Growth Officer Matt Smith regarding Gov. Shapiro’s
announcement of the PAYback online money-back guarantee system**

PITTSBURGH – November 1, 2023 – “On behalf of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development and its affiliates, I commend Governor Josh Shapiro, the Commonwealth Office of Digital Experience and the Office of Transformation and Opportunity on today’s announcement of the PAYback online money-back guarantee system.

“We commend this administration for the focus it has placed on identifying and streamlining procedures for permits, licenses and certifications, and we applaud the significant progress made thus far to accelerate economic development and unlock opportunities across the commonwealth. A first of its kind, the PAYback system is one transformative outcome of an early promise made when the governor took office in January, and by increasing the ease and efficiency of checking eligibility for a refund, this action is helping Pennsylvania to operate at the speed of business. This reform impacts businesses across many industries, thus making its impact material for employers throughout the state.

“Creating the PAYback system is a vitally important step to make the commonwealth more economically competitive and we look forward to future progress that will continue to signal that Pennsylvania is open for business and aggressively competing for jobs and investments, retaining talent and building thriving communities.”