

## **Jobs Creation Hearings**

**Alpha International Movers, Inc was founded in 1976. The company provides high quality household relocation, Long term storage facility with an emphasis on international relocation.**

**1. How the present day economy is affecting my business:**

**A. Taxes: School and local taxes have increased 37% since the purchase of our current building in 2005.**

<b>B. Fuel Costs:</b>	<b>In 2007</b>	<b>In 2012</b>
<b>Diesel</b>	<b>\$2.90</b>	<b>\$3.87</b>
<b>Gasoline</b>	<b>\$2.84</b>	<b>\$3.58</b>

**2. How the economy is affecting Job hiring and growing my business:**

**A. Health Insurance increases**

**B. Heating Oil, diesel and gasoline fuel increases are cutting into our profit margin.**

**C. Packing Materials/Moving products/vehicles needed in this industry have sky-rocketed since 2006.**

**a. Packing materials are up 30% since 2007.**

**b. Truck cost differential from 2007 – 2012 is up 40% with state and federal emission regulations pushing the costs higher.**

**D. From 2005 to 2008 we employed approximately 20 to 25 full and part time employees. From 2009 to 2012 we only employed approximately 10 to 15 full time employees.**

- 3. Incentives to job creation or to just keeping a business in existence.**
  - A. Pennsylvania has to lower taxes on real estate.**
  - B. Pennsylvania has to lower taxes on fuel (one of the highest in the nation).**
  - C. Lower the cost of Workmen's Compensation which is near the top in the nation.**
  
- 4. Summary of all of the above: Pennsylvania ranks as one of the worst states in the country for the business climate. Ranking according to ChiefExecutive.net as of is May, 2012 is 43<sup>rd</sup> out of 50.**