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## TECHNOLOGY

The growth of the technology industry points to valuable new opportunities for businesses, jobs and economic stimulus for our communities. It is imperative that Pennsylvania's legislative and regulatory climate encourage access to and adoption of technology by all classes of Pennsylvania's residents and businesses, as well as encourage the expansion and location of such entities by enhancing the attractiveness of the Commonwealth. Specifically, the Pennsylvania Chamber promotes:

- The development and implementation of coordinated technology infrastructure that is designed to maximize effectiveness;
- Utilizing existing agencies to establish a plan to benchmark technology transfers among academia, state and federal government agencies, military and private industry;
- Innovations that encourage existing companies to invest and use the newest technologies and attract technology growth companies to the Commonwealth;
- Balanced, appropriate and reasonable cyber-security measures that protect consumers and protect private industry against industrial espionage while keeping Pennsylvania's businesses free of egregious mandates and sanctions;
- The elimination of impediments, such as extraneous taxes and regulations, to the communications and technology industries that hinder their ability to compete in today's global marketplace;
- Economic development programs that recognize and support technology as a critical aspect of business development in a new global economy.

The Chamber opposes:

- The creation of a bureaucratic structure to oversee the development of the technology infrastructure; existing agencies perform this function adequately; and
- Publicly owned and or subsidized entities creating and operating technology infrastructures *unless* private industry demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to serve a given constituency.