TO: All Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania Senate Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy

FROM: Kevin Sunday, Director of Government Affairs

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RE: Support Senate Resolution 375 and Senate Bill 1189

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry (PA Chamber), the largest, broad-based business advocacy association in the Commonwealth, I am writing to urge that you vote in support of Senate Resolution 375, which urges federal support for an ethane storage hub in the Appalachian basin, and Senate Bill 1189, which would define certain regulatory actions by the Delaware River Basin Commission to be a taking of private property.

Pennsylvania and this nation face generational opportunity should we leverage all our energy resources. As a recent economic analysis noted, the state could see an additional 100,000 jobs in advance and additive manufacturing through the increased use of natural gas liquids. Key to this manufacturing buildout are stable supplies of natural gas liquids as feedstock. A natural gas storage hub would provide locations for storing the liquids for use in manufacturing, making our state and region more attractive to new investment. SR 375 urges federal support for the hub, and we ask for your support as well.

We also encourage you to vote yes on SB 1189. The Delaware River Basin Commission is proceeding with a rulemaking, with the support of Gov. Wolf, that would permanently bar natural gas development from the basin, which includes all or parts of 16 eastern Pennsylvania counties. Further, DRBC’s lack of action on previous rulemakings has resulted in a de facto moratorium on energy development in those same counties. As a result, an estimated $150 million of natural gas has been unavailable to mineral rights owners. The PA Chamber believes this constitutes a taking, and we support legislation that protects the citizens’ private property rights.

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