

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Energy Committee

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: February 2, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 1834 - Data Center Regulation**

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On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, representing over 12,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I write to express our opposition to House Bill 1834.

House Bill 1834 proposes to impose a new regulatory framework on “large load users” by directing utilities to create a separate rate structure for large-load customers, requiring mandatory curtailment during certain grid conditions, and establishes additional inflexible requirements on these facilities.

We certainly appreciate the Committee’s efforts to address stakeholder concerns, and while several of the changes represent meaningful progress, significant provisions in the bill remain problematic. The bill creates burdens not only for data centers, but for Pennsylvania’s large industrial and manufacturing industries, by defining “large load users” as facilities with 25 MW of peak demand, a threshold that sweeps in manufacturers, refiners, petrochemical facilities, and other industrial operations that were never the bill’s intended focus.

Additionally, mandatory curtailment under the bill could be operationally impossible for some of these sectors, as large-scale industrial processes cannot simply shut down on command without triggering safety risks, costly equipment disruptions, and environmental compliance violations associated with flaring and restart emissions. Lastly, the 25 percent renewable procurement mandate for large load users would raise short-term energy costs and diminish Pennsylvania’s competitiveness.

It is for these reasons that we express our opposition to this bill. Please contact Amy Brinton at [abrinton@pachamber.org](mailto:abrinton@pachamber.org) or 717-720-5565 with any questions or to discuss further.

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