

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support S.B. 704**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), representing more than 12,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I write to urge your support for Senate Bill 704, which is scheduled for final consideration today.

Pennsylvania has not seen any new general baseload generation in years, even as we face growing reliability pressures and rising electricity demand. If the Commonwealth intends to maintain its role as a true energy powerhouse, we must begin laying the groundwork for additional generation capacity now. Senate Bill 704 takes a practical step in that direction by directing the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to work together to identify suitable sites for natural gas electric generation projects.

Creating a coordinated process to evaluate and prepare viable sites will streamline development, reduce permitting uncertainty, and make Pennsylvania more competitive in attracting the investment needed to build new generation and ensure Pennsylvania can meet future energy demands, support economic growth, and maintain grid reliability.

As such, the PA Chamber supports Senate Bill 704 on final passage. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Please contact Amy Brinton via email at abrinton@pachamber.org or at 717-720-5565 should you have any questions or concerns.

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