

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Environmental and Natural Resources

Protection Committee

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: April 23, 2025

RE: PA Chamber memo: Oppose House Bill 1210

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), representing nearly 10,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I am writing to express our opposition to House Bill 1210.

**House Bill 1210 (Vitali)** imposes new reporting requirements for "crypto-asset" mining operations and directs the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to conduct a related study. This bill is scheduled for committee consideration on Wednesday, April 23rd.

While we support transparency and responsible energy usage, House Bill 1210 adds regulations that could deter investment in Pennsylvania. Crypto mining and blockchain are fast-growing sectors that contribute to our rapidly changing technology industry and state economy. We should be attracting these businesses—not deterring them from investing in Pennsylvania—as doing so limits job creation and economic growth. The bill also places unnecessary strain on the DEP, which is already managing heavy regulatory responsibilities with limited resources.

As such, we urge the Committee to **vote "no" on House Bill 1210**.

Thank you for considering our views on this important matter. Please contact Amy Brinton via email at <a href="mailto:abrinton@pachamber.org">abrinton@pachamber.org</a> or via phone at 717-720-5565.

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