

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate Local Government Committee

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Support S.B. 311**

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On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, the largest, broad-based business advocacy organization in the Commonwealth, representing nearly 10,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I write to encourage you to vote yes on SB 311. The bill is similar to Senate Bill 143 of last session, which passed the Senate with a bipartisan vote of 40-9.

Senate Bill 311, which places decisions regarding restrictions on the use of any energy source in housing and commercial energy applications solely within the purview of the state, is scheduled for a vote before the Committee tomorrow, May 13th.

A stable energy framework and consistent policies that provide businesses with certainty is key in attracting economic investment in Pennsylvania. Ensuring reliable access to all types of utilities, regardless of their energy source, supports this goal while also meeting the diverse needs of consumers across the Commonwealth. Senate Bill 311 reaffirms the ability of both individuals and businesses to choose their preferred energy source, aligning with existing federal legal precedents, and ensures that Pennsylvania remains a stable and reliable environment for both business investment and community growth.

Consumer choice with respect to energy policy has yielded substantial economic and environmental benefits to the state, and as such we support Senate Bill 311 and urge a yes vote.

For any questions, please contact Amy Brinton, Director of Government Affairs, at [abrinton@pachamber.org](mailto:abrinton@pachamber.org) or 717 720 5565.

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