



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Aaron Riggleman, Manager, Government Affairs

DATE: September 30, 2025

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 997 – Data Breach Lawsuits**

I write on behalf of the PA Chamber to urge opposition to House Bill 997, which is slated for a vote this week.

This legislation would amend the Breach of Personal Information Notification Act to require companies to take steps to secure personal data from hacking and creates new private rights of action against companies who are hacked.

The bill includes three problematic provisions that would significantly expand legal liability for companies doing business in Pennsylvania. First, the bill establishes a private right of action to sue companies for breached data. Currently, the Attorney General has exclusive jurisdiction under the act. Second, it contains statutory damages, meaning people could recover more than their actual damages. Lastly, it prohibits the use of arbitration agreements. Arbitration is an important tool in resolving disputes as it has been found to be fair to both parties, resolves disputes quicker, and is significantly less costly than a trial. For these reasons, we urge you to oppose H.B. 997.

Thank you for considering our views on this legislation. Please contact Aaron Riggleman at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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