



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Environmental & Natural Resources Protection Committee

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose House Bill 2246**

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On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry (PA Chamber), representing nearly 12,000 member companies of all sizes from across all commercial and industrial sectors, I am writing to express our **opposition to House Bill 2246**.

The PA Chamber certainly appreciates Representative Webster's focus on responsible water resource management. While we share the objective of safeguarding water quality and availability, we are concerned that House Bill 2246, may impede economic development without delivering clear improvements to statewide water planning.

HB 2246 establishes new requirements that apply exclusively to data center projects. By doing so, the bill introduces added uncertainty, delay, and risk into the data center development process. In a highly competitive market for large-scale infrastructure investment, these factors may influence whether projects move forward in Pennsylvania or locate elsewhere, potentially deterring economic investment. The bill also moves key decisions from local governments to the state while requiring early disclosure of sensitive operational and water-use information without clear confidentiality protections. For projects in early planning stages, this increased oversight and uncertainty may deter investment before feasibility is even established.

It is for these reasons the Pennsylvania Chamber respectfully urges the Committee to **oppose HB 2246**.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to continuing to work on balanced approaches that protect our environment and encourage economic investments in Pennsylvania.

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