



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose HB 1834 - A02665**

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Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, representing nearly 12,000 member companies across all commercial and industrial sectors, we respectfully **oppose A02665 to House Bill 1834**.

The PA Chamber certainly supports protecting ratepayers, fair cost allocation, and the need for regulatory certainty to support economic growth. However, HB 1834, as drafted, singles out the data center industry and risks introducing market uncertainty that may discourage infrastructure investment without delivering clear customer benefits.

The bill's reliability and curtailment provisions raise additional concerns. Defaulting new large loads to interruptible service during non-emergency conditions and prioritizing them for curtailment effectively picks winners and losers by customer type. Mandatory curtailment risks operational infeasibility and may push projects to other PJM states, yielding no reliability benefit for Pennsylvania.

Finally, the bill introduces new clean-energy procurement requirements and a significant per-megawatt fee that may result in duplicative or disproportionate cost burdens.

The PA Chamber believes these issues are better addressed through the PA Public Utility Commission's (PA PUC's) ongoing, collaborative work on tariffs and large-load growth. For these reasons, we respectfully urge the House to **oppose A02665 to HB 1834** and to continue pursuing balanced, technology-neutral solutions that protect ratepayers while maintaining Pennsylvania's competitiveness.

Thank you for your consideration.

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