



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Communications & Technology Committee

FROM: Aaron Riggelman, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: June 22, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 2006 - AI Companions**

The Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry appreciates the sponsor's efforts to improve HB 2006 and shares the goal of ensuring safe and age-appropriate experiences for users of AI companion technologies. However, we remain concerned that several provisions of the bill would place Pennsylvania out of step with the emerging consensus among states that have recently enacted AI safety legislation.

While well-intentioned, HB 2006 contains broad and ambiguous definitions and prescriptive requirements that could create compliance challenges, degrade user experiences, and discourage the adoption and development of innovative technologies in the Commonwealth. We are concerned that the bill's approach differs substantially from frameworks adopted in other states and risks disadvantaging Pennsylvania's innovation economy.

We are also concerned that the bill's penalty structure, authorizing fines of up to \$100,000 per day, per violation per user, could expose businesses to astronomical liability for technical or procedural violations unrelated to consumer harm. Such a framework would create significant uncertainty and risk discouraging investment and innovation in Pennsylvania.

The PA Chamber stands ready to work with the sponsor and committee members to further refine the legislation and bring it into closer alignment with the approaches being adopted across the country, but at this time, must ask for a no vote on H.B. 2006.

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