



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Finance Committee

FROM: Aaron Rigglesman, Director, Government Affairs

DATE: June 17, 2026

RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 2650 - GRID Requirements**

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry, I write to respectfully oppose H.B. 2650 which we understand may be considered by your committee today.

H.B. 2650 would establish the Governor's Responsible Infrastructure Development (GRID) program and create a new framework governing the development of data center projects in Pennsylvania. Among other provisions, the legislation would require projects to satisfy new certification, reporting, energy, and compliance requirements to access expedited permitting and qualify for a sales tax exemption previously passed by the legislature.

The PA Chamber appreciates Governor Shapiro's and the legislature's continued focus on positioning Pennsylvania as a leader in data center development. Data centers are increasingly critical infrastructure that support businesses, consumers, and emerging technologies across virtually every sector of the economy. We supported the concept outlined in the Governor's February budget proposal to establish standards for responsible development and expedited permitting of these projects.

We have concerns, however, that specific provisions in H.B. 2650 extend beyond the principles outlined by the Governor back in February and could undermine the regulatory clarity, policy stability, and investment certainty necessary for responsible development.

For example, we are concerned with proposals to repeal the existing sales tax exemption for data center equipment or impose onerous new conditions to qualify. This exemption passed with bipartisan support in 2021 specifically to attract investment, and it is clearly performing as intended. We oppose repealing or conditioning this exemption, just as we would oppose any comparable legislative bait-and-switch that creates a perception of Pennsylvania's business climate as unreliable and unpredictable.

We urge the Committee to hold off considering this bill today and allow stakeholders reasonable time to review this legislation, which was only introduced yesterday.

We remain committed to working collaboratively with policymakers, utilities, and stakeholders on a framework that advances responsible development while preserving Pennsylvania's competitiveness.

For these reasons, we urge your opposition to H.B. 2650. Please contact **Aaron Riggleman** at ariggleman@pachamber.org or 724-640-3290 with questions or to discuss.

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