



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Brian Rengert, Director, Political Engagement

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 497**

The Pennsylvania Chamber has concerns about House Bill 497 and opposes it as currently written.

This legislation seeks to limit foreign influence in Pennsylvania elections; however, the overly broad definition of “foreign-influenced corporation” will impact organizations with deep roots in Pennsylvania that represent large segments of the Pennsylvania workforce and limit their right to free speech and ability to participate in the political process.

H.B. 497 would prohibit a large group of businesses from contributing to independent expenditure committees and from administering affiliated PACs funded by employee contributions.

Any legislation on this topic must strike a balance between the noble goal of protecting elections from foreign interference and limiting the ability of organizations to lawfully participate in the electoral process

We urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you for considering our views on these important matters. Please contact Brian Rengert at brengert@pachamber.org with questions or to discuss.

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