



January 18, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Toomey
United States Senate
455 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Toomey:

I write on behalf of the Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry to express concern with legislation being considered that targets the technology sector.

The PA Chamber is the largest broad-based business advocacy association in Pennsylvania, with nearly 10,000 member employers of all sizes and industry sectors throughout the Commonwealth. While some of our members are technology companies, practically all our members, and all Pennsylvania employers, utilize products and services from the technology sector as part of their operations.

Accordingly, any legislation targeting the technology sector has the potential to impact the economy in general and broader employer community, especially small businesses.

For example, we understand the Senate Judiciary Committee may soon consider S. 2992, the so-called American Innovation and Choice Online Act. This legislation, like similar bills introduced, appears intended to focus on particular companies, with pre-determined outcomes in mind, rather than focusing on conduct and what is best for consumers. This bill would substantially increase the power of federal agencies to intervene in the private sector and disrupt businesses and the products, platforms and other technologies that have become integral to many employers. The unintended consequences could be severe; not just to individual employers, but to broader economic recovery prospects as well.

The PA Chamber's member-driven Technology Position Statement recognizes the significant economic and job growth impact of technology advancements and calls for public policy that encourages this sector and best positions it to compete in today's global marketplace.

S. 2992 and other anti-technology bills appear contrary to this vision and we urge you to keep our views mind if you have an opportunity to consider this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Barr". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Gene Barr
President and CEO