



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA Senate
FROM: Amy Brinton, Director, Government Affairs
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RE: Support SB 186 and 187

The PA Chamber urges you to support S.B. 186, which withdraws Pennsylvania from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a multistate cap-and-trade program designed to reduce carbon emissions from power plants.

By withdrawing from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, SB 186 reduces unnecessary financial burdens on businesses in Pennsylvania, promotes a more competitive business environment, and fosters economic growth. The bill eliminates costly carbon taxes that have disproportionately impacted energy-intensive industries, such as manufacturing and power generation. This action will not only lower operational costs for businesses but also encourage investment in new energy generation projects in the Commonwealth.

For these reasons, we believe SB 186 is a critical step toward supporting Pennsylvania's business community, encouraging investments in new energy generation projects, and driving job creation.

Additionally, the PA Chamber urges you to support S.B. 187, which establishes an Independent Energy Office in the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania is the top electricity exporter in the country, a global energy leader that is home to abundant natural resources, industry thought leaders and cutting-edge innovators. The business community, energy providers, consumers and many policymakers embrace a comprehensive, all-of-the-above energy policy and this diversity has been a highlight of the Commonwealth's energy success story.

An Independent Energy Office as proposed in this legislation has the potential to serve as an important and constructive partner to lawmakers and private sector energy leaders by providing and analyzing data to help advance smart and forward-thinking energy policy.

We understand these bills will come before the full Senate for a vote today and respectfully urge your support. Please contact Amy Brinton at abrinton@pachamber.org or 717-720-5565, with questions or to discuss further.