

TO: Sen. Chris Dush, Chair, Sen. Timothy Kearney, Chair, Senate Local Government

FROM: Eileen Anderson, Director, Government Relations, Jezree Friend, Senior Director, Public Affairs

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RE: SB 275 - SUPPORT

On behalf of the Manufacturer & Business Association and our several thousand members we respectfully ask for your support of SB 275 – Energy Choice.

There needs to be a sound energy policy for our state with consistency in the laws, regulations and policies that address the patchwork of regulation that comes with allowing some 2,500 municipalities to take energy policy into their own hands.

MBA’s energy policy calls for an “all of the above” strategy. Just as power generators supply electricity from different types of energy sources, so should other users have the ability to choose. Residents and business should have freedom of choice as to which energy source best suits their needs and budget.

Balanced policies allow producers and suppliers from all energy sectors located in our Commonwealth to compete and enable business to secure a reliable supply of energy produced and delivered on a competitively priced basis.

Governmental actions that select or force the choices of particular energy sources at the local should be avoided. Any decisions regarding restrictions on the use of any energy source in residential, commercial, or industrial applications should be made at the state level to ensure uniformity across the commonwealth.

By doing so we ensure the variety of choice that we enjoy today without penalizing any form of energy – or the ratepayers of Pennsylvania.

MBA respectfully asks for your support of SB 275.