


Powering PA

Data Centers, Conservation, and Our Future



Agenda

Budget Address & Data Center Overview



1.
Budget Address
Recap



2.
Data Center
Principles



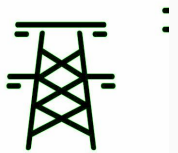
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What's Moving?



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What's Next?

Budget Address

Top Lines



Utility Accountability

- PJM price cap extensions
- Transparent pricing
- Utility junk fees
- Chapter 14 protections
- Increased PUC oversight
- Special Counsel for Energy
- Affordability



Lightning Plan

- Renewing call for support:
- EDGE Tax Credit
- PACER
- PRESS
- Community Energy
- Act 129 Modernization
- RESET



GRID

- Governor's Responsible Infrastructure Development*
- Bring their own power development.
- Commit to strict transparency standards
- Hire and train local workers and have community benefit agreements
- Commit to high standards environmental protection



Transit Funding

- Transit-oriented development
- Sustainable recurring funding to begin in 2027

CVPA's Data Center Position

As Pennsylvania experiences a stampede of data center development, Conservation Voters of Pennsylvania is committed to a policy framework that balances protecting our environment, the needs of local communities, a sustainable economy, and energy affordability.

Lay of the Land

While many see data centers as an economic development tool, CVPA believes it's critical to fight for common-sense, popular, and achievable policies which will install guardrails on the data center boom.

Engagement

CVPA's positioning on data centers comes from a place of harm reduction with a focus on opportunities to build new, clean energy, protect our air, land and water, and ensure that our families don't shoulder the costs.

Key principles

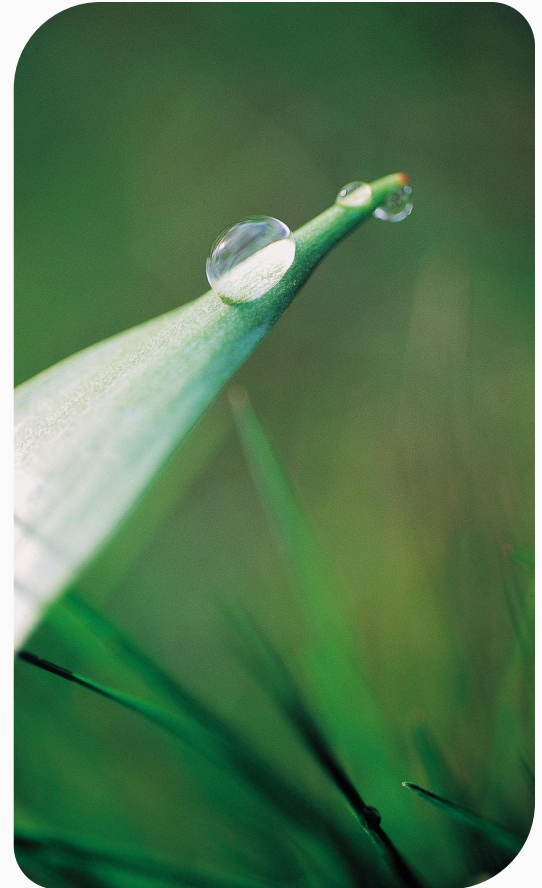
Energy Integrity & Ratepayer Protection

Responsible Siting & Local Governance

Economic & Labor Accountability

Whole Government Strategy

Local Benefits: Give towns a voice, mitigate local impacts, and ensure that trillion dollar companies pay
Ratepayer Protections: Ensure data centers pay their fair share for grid upgrades & incorporate at least 25% clean energy
Infrastructure Standards: Bring their own power & fund new capacity to prevent skyrocketing prices while limiting environmental impacts



Data Centers: What's Moving NOW

HB1834 Consumers



Requires data centers and utilities to adhere to consumer protections and energy standards by:

- Not allowing cost shifting
- Setting a timeline for using clean energy at year benchmarks
- Funding small clean energy projects

Helps ratepayers and communities with:

- Investments in LIHEAP
- Adding barriers to dirty energy backup generation
- Requiring public reports and efficiency standards

HB2150 Accountability & Transparency



Requires data centers to report annually on:

- Total electricity use
- Total water use
- Efficiency measures taken

Protects communities by:

- Helping residents understand local impacts
- Giving lawmakers real data
- Encouraging efficiency
- Excluding small telecom operations

HB2151 Community Standards



Directs the state to create a model ordinance that municipalities can use:

- Not a mandate - fully optional
- Doesn't force changes in zoning laws
- Provides technical assistance, nothing more

Gives outmatched communities:

- Sample ordinance language
- Guidance on setbacks
- Tools to address water and energy use

Data Centers: What's Next?

HB 2246

Regulating and Reporting of Water Withdrawals



HB 2198

Removing the Sales Tax Exemption for Equipment



HB TBD

Requiring Energy Efficiency Certification Standards



HB 2061

Prevailing Wage for Data Center Construction



HB TBD

Emergency Preparedness for Communities with Data Centers



HB 2184

Instructing the PUC to Provide for the Public Interest





CVPA & PennFuture 2026 Lobby Day

1 Why

Show elected officials the clean energy and environmental protection matters

Deepen and/or develop relationships with legislators

Give constituents an opportunity to be heard; give legislators an opportunity to hear directly from constituents

2 When

May 4th
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Capitol Building, Harrisburg

- Meet for an early briefing and light breakfast foods
- Lobby meetings with legislators in both chambers
- Press conference
- More lobby meetings!
- Action table available all day in East Wing Rotunda

3 How

Be prompt and don't forget introductions!

Know the material and don't be afraid to say "I don't know"

Review materials provided



Don't be combative, issue vague threats, stray off topic, or believe everything they say!

4 What

Affordability themes
Data center regulations
Getting solar on warehouses
Prohibit NDAs for data center development
Polluters paying for cleanups
PUC reforms for the public interest
Stormwater mitigation
Green manufacturing

Thank you!

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