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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3546

Dear Legislators: I'm writing in support of the POWER Act, HB 3546. As a person who pays a monthly electric bill, I find it unconscionable to ask households to pay for the growing electricity needs of tech companies. My household energy bill is already going up, even when we reduce our usage at peak times in exchange for a discount. I can't imagine the bill going even higher because we have to subsidize big tech companies' data centers, crypto mining activities, and other big energy needs. This bill provides the mechanism for accountability so that utilities can track and monitor companies' energy use, bill them for it, and ensure that tech companies pay for their own investments. This is common sense.