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LISA BOSCOLA



Boscola Applauds Gov. Shapiro's Executive Order, Urges Permanent Data Center Protections

By Senator Lisa Boscola

Bethlehem, August 18, 2026 -- State Senator Lisa Boscola today made the following statement in response to Governor Shapiro's Executive Order on Data Center Protections:

"Governor Shapiro is right to act, and I applaud his decision to issue this Executive Order today.

As Democratic Chair of the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee, protecting ratepayers from unfair costs and ensuring our utilities remain reliable and affordable are central to my work. That is why in January of this year, I proposed a six-bill data center consumer protection package founded on many of the same principles reflected in Executive Order 2026-05.

Data centers must pay the costs they create, utilities must not shift those costs onto existing customers, the PUC must have the tools to protect grid reliability, and local communities must have a meaningful voice before development moves forward.

I especially support the Governor's insistence that developers secure local approvals before state permitting advances, provide detailed reporting on their energy and water use, and make binding GRID commitments to qualify for favorable permitting treatment and the state's data center sales tax exemption. Local residents and officials deserve to know who is proposing a project, what resources it will consume, and how it could affect utility bills and surrounding neighborhoods before key decisions are made.

This Executive Order is an important and necessary step. Now, the General Assembly should work together to codify these protections into law so they are clear, consistent, and durable for Pennsylvania ratepayers and communities. I stand ready to work with Governor Shapiro and colleagues in both parties to get that done."



2026 Constituent Survey

Your opinion is important to me

	YES	NO
Should Pennsylvania legalize and tax marijuana for recreational use?	☐	☐
Should registered Independents be permitted to vote in the primary?	☐	☐
Should the state raise the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.00, \$12.00 or \$15.00?	☐	☐
Should state taxpayer funds be used to pay for lunches for every child in school, regardless of household income?	☐	☐
Should the state permit terminally ill adults the choice to end their own life?	☐	☐
Should the state prohibit the development of large-scale data centers that are needed to support artificial intelligence, digitalization, e-commerce and video streaming?	☐	☐
Should the state create regulations on large-scale data centers requiring them to provide their own power, protecting residents from any increased costs?	☐	☐
Do you support moving away from local property taxes to other broader based state revenues to pay for our public school system?	☐	☐
Do you support state mandated cellphone bans in our schools?	☐	☐
Do you support staying in daylight savings time which would provide later sunrises and more sunlight in the evening?	☐	☐
Should the state establish universal background checks for all firearm transfers?	☐	☐
There is a proposal to tax and regulate skill games should the revenue go towards mass transit, property tax relief, general fund expenses, or other?	☐	☐