



September 9, 2026

The Honorable Brett Guthrie
Chairman
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Frank Pallone
Ranking Member
House Energy and Commerce Committee
2323 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gabe Evans
1229 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kathy Castor
2188 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: Support for Ratepayer Protection Act (HR 9340)

Dear Chairman Guthrie, Ranking Member Pallone, Representative Evans and Representative Castor:

The National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) endorses HR 9340, the “Ratepayer Protection Act.” NASEO represents the 56 governor-designated State and Territory Energy Offices across the nation, and we support a balanced national energy policy. HR 9340 is carefully crafted legislation which does not mandate a specific approach in each state and instead calls for state “consideration” of a standard for large-load data centers that results in data centers paying the full, incremental costs of electric system upgrades. The amendments to 111(d) and 112 of PURPA constitute a practical approach to a difficult problem.

We are cognizant of the 52-0 vote in July 2026 at the full U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, which is certainly a bipartisan event that we applaud. We hope for early U.S. House floor action of the legislation and positive consideration in the U.S. Senate.

NASEO supports creative solutions to our national, state and local energy problems. We see HR 9340 as part of the solution to a broader set of energy concerns, including affordability issues faced by consumers and businesses. Other bills that we encourage

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swift action by Congress and the President to sign into law, include: 1) HR 7257, the SECURE Grid Act, sponsored by Representative Latta and Representative Matsui; 2) HR 9332, in support of more effective load forecasting, sponsored by Representative Balderson and Representative Menendez; 3) HR 9335, in support of advanced transmission technologies, sponsored by Representative Goldman of Texas; and 4) S. 3947, the REWIRE Act introduced by Senator McCormick and Senator Welch.

We are pleased that the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee advanced HR9340 on a bipartisan basis, and we hope for early enactment. Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DT', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Terry
NASEO President