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The Honorable Bob Latta
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Kathy Castor
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Energy
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Dear Chairman Latta and Ranking Member Castor:

On behalf of the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) International, I write to thank the Subcommittee on Energy for its leadership in holding the hearing “AI and the Grid: Meeting Growing Power Demand While Protecting Ratepayers.”

The race to AI dominance is driving rapid growth in artificial intelligence, creating new commercial real estate opportunities—particularly in data center investment and development—while placing increasing demands on the nation’s electric grid and the ratepayers it serves.

BOMA represents over 16,000 members, responsible for the ownership, investment, and management of over 8.6 billion square feet of commercial real estate, including members involved in data center investment and development and others who own and operate commercial buildings reliant on affordable and reliable electricity. Additionally, BOMA local associations support 1.7 million jobs and generate \$75 billion in salaries and income and contribute \$148 billion to the national economy.

BOMA recognizes the important role that artificial intelligence and data infrastructure play in advancing innovation, productivity, and U.S. competitiveness. At the same time, rapid growth in new, energy-intensive loads is placing added pressure on an electric grid already facing reliability, capacity, and planning challenges, further accelerating the need for new generation, transmission, and distribution investments.

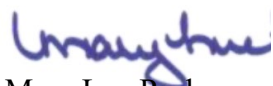
Commercial building owners are already managing rising energy costs through proven programs like ENERGY STAR® to identify where improvements can be made in order to reduce demand and support grid reliability.

BOMA supports bipartisan efforts to strengthen grid reliability and capacity while protecting ratepayers, including initiatives that improve load forecasting, support prudent grid and transmission planning, and promote fair and transparent cost allocation. Addressing these issues through thoughtful, fact-based oversight—such as this hearing—is essential to balancing continued innovation with affordability and reliability.

As the Subcommittee considers the legislation that is the subject of this hearing, or future legislation related to these issues, BOMA urges Members to advance policies that strengthen U.S. competitiveness in this new global race for AI leadership while carefully considering impacts to ratepayers and the electric grid.

Reliable and affordable electricity is foundational to commercial real estate and the communities it serves. BOMA appreciates the Subcommittee’s bipartisan leadership on these issues and looks forward to collaborating with Members of both parties as these important discussions continue.

Sincerely,



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