

Dear Representative,

***I am writing to ask that you oppose the Senate approved budget deal.*** This budget is changing the way that PA has regulated the oil and gas industry, putting it into the hands of the industry itself.

Some key points:

- The State Senate approved a budget deal on July 27 that is bad for your clean air, pure water and your family's health.
- The budget deal allows oil and gas wastewater treatment plants to operate with expired permits until the end of 2019.
- The budget deal would essentially prevent the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) from being able to regulate the oil and gas industry. (The funds allocated to DEP would be less than last year.)
- The budget deal would require DEP to hire an outside company to review all applications for oil or gas permits, from its own funds. It would require permits to be granted, or denied within a specific time, or they become automatically approved.
- The budget deal would establish a panel with power to veto all DEP permits which limit natural gas emissions into the air by wells and pipelines.
- The budget deal eases regulations for coal-related manganese discharges, which is toxic to humans, within five miles of drinking water supplies.
- The budget deal would impose a small severance tax on natural gas.

If this budget deal passes, the gas industry will regulate itself. I strongly oppose this budget.  
**Please vote no to the Anti-Environment Budget Deal.**

Signed,  
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