

July 14, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Wolf,

The undersigned organizations call on you to veto HB732 as amended to include the worst provisions of the HB1100, the bill you vetoed in March.

We understand that your office reached an agreement on a version of HB1100 that addresses your concerns with the bill as it was originally sent to you by the legislature. Unfortunately, the problems with the bill are not in the details, but in its substance.

Climate change is a threat that will dwarf COVID-19. Continued investment of taxpayer dollars in yesterday's shale gas industry is a mistake from which future generations won't recover.

Pennsylvanians in the path of the shale gas industry have experienced profound impacts to their health, safety, quality of life, finances, and natural resources since fracking first came to the state. Some were detailed in the report issued recently by the 43rd Statewide Grand Jury. The Grand Jury has already charged companies with criminal behavior. Attorney General Josh Shapiro says more charges are coming. You cannot, in good conscience, continue to put the interests of criminals over those of the people.

When the bill was moving through the legislature, you heard Pennsylvanians' loud and clear concerns about HB1100's impacts on climate and our communities. Since then, Pennsylvanians have been hit hard by the economic crisis brought about by COVID-19. The state cannot afford to spend taxpayer dollars on massive subsidies to a polluting industry when your constituents are struggling to put food on the table.

Pennsylvania has the opportunity to emerge from COVID-19 as a leader of the green economy. It's your opportunity and obligation to forge a better path for Pennsylvania. Your veto of HB732 is a necessary first step.

Respectfully,

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Bucks Environmental Action
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