

**PETITION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE
REGARDING SB 1100**

We, the undersigned residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, ask that you—our elected officials—vote “NO” on Senate Bill 1100 introduced by Senate President Joe Scarnati should it come to the House or Senate floor. We oppose SB1100 because it would trade the rights of citizens and local governments for drilling fees and taxes. A democratic society supports local decision-making. Pennsylvania’s citizens must be able to have input into the laws and practices that affect them and municipal officials must be able to represent their constituents.

Furthermore:

- Pennsylvania’s Municipalities Planning Code gives municipalities the authority to address matters influencing local environmental protection and preservation. With the passage of SB1100, our municipalities will lose that authority.
- The State Constitution obliges municipalities to be stewards of public resources—applicable to the impacts of industrial-scale gas development on water and air quality, land, and communities.
- Pennsylvania’s Oil and Gas Act allows the use of municipal zoning codes to restrict the location of gas wells—similar to how zoning can be used to restrict every other type of economic activity.
- The PUC ordinance promoted through SB1100 would require municipalities to allow oil and gas development in certain zoning districts and prohibit most restrictions on traffic, noise, light, and hours of operation. This forces cash-strapped local governments to choose between receiving revenues and adopting protective measures, and punishes those that choose the latter.

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Please return completed petition to: Delaware Riverkeeper Network, 300 Pond St., Bristol, PA 19007