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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

Dear Representatives O'Neal and Ortity,

At the Department of Health public meeting at Canon-McMillan High School on October 7, you acknowledged that fracking may be the cause of the unfolding public health crisis in your districts and other areas of Washington, Green, Fayette, and Westmoreland Counties where young people are being diagnosed with rare cancers at an alarming rate. You said that night that fracking must be investigated along with other possible causes. We agree.

We believe that the next steps in your pursuit of the answers your constituents, other affected residents, and all Pennsylvanians need and deserve must include the following:

- 1) The state must conduct an investigation into environmental causes of the cancers. The genetic study for which you have secured funding will not achieve the end of determining what role fracking plays in the marked increase in cancer diagnoses in the past fifteen years since the first unconventional well in Pennsylvania was drilled.
- 2) Another hearing must be held in the affected communities so that everyone wishing to speak and ask questions has an opportunity to be heard and have their concerns addressed.
- 3) As members of the Environmental Resources and Energy committee, you must hold a hearing so that your colleagues can hear directly from affected residents including Janice Blanock, Carla Marratto Cumming, Christine Barton, Cindy Valent, Alison Cobb, and others who have lost loved ones or whose family members are battling the disease.

As you know, there are several pieces of legislation moving through the legislature at present that would subsidize further shale gas development and even legalize specific dangerous practices, like the spreading of fracking waste on roadways, a provision of SB790. If there is *any* chance that fracking is taking the lives of children, those measures should not move forward.

Representative O'Neal, you are prime sponsor of one of the bills, HB1107, that would transfer permitting authority from the Department of Environmental Protection to new Pennsylvania Permitting Authority. Representative Ortity, you co-sponsored that bill. You are both co-sponsors of other bills from the same Energize PA package of which HB1107 is a part.

We call on you to advocate for a halt to those bills until you have the time and support of your colleagues to carry out the next steps we recommend and any others you deem necessary.

Sincerely,

Organizations and Businesses

350 BucksCounty
Active Community Training
Allegheny County Clean Air Now
Be The Change
Beaver County Marcellus Awareness Community
Berks Gas Truth
Better Path Coalition
Breathe Easy Susquehanna County
Bucks Environmental Action
Camp White Pine
Clean Water Action
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley PA chapter
Concerned Citizens of Lebanon County
Earth Ethics, Inc.
FAMS 4 HELP
Founding member, Sustainable Monroeville
FracTracker Alliance
Great Lakes Chapter of Inland Ocean Coalition
Green Party of Allegheny County
Izaak Walton League, Allegheny County
Lancaster Against Pipelines
Lancaster Stands Up
LAWPA
Lebanon Pipeline Awareness
Marcellus Outreach Butler
MarchOnHarrisburg
Mountain Watershed Association
Patriots From The Oil & Gas Shales
Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light
Physicians for Social Responsibility - Pennsylvania
PK Ditty Media
Power Shift Network
Project CoffeeHouse
ProtectPT
PSR PA
Rachel Carson Council
Residents Against the Power Plant
Save Our Streams PA
Sunrise Movement Lancaster
Upper Burrell Citizens Against Marcellus Pollution
Upper Uwchlan Residents for Safety

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