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TO: All Senators  
FROM: Senator Richard Alloway, II *RICH*  
RE: Introduction of Legislation—Non-Coal Minerals  
DATE: February 28, 2011

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation amending the Agricultural Area Security Law, further providing for purchase of agricultural conservation easements.

Current law, 3 P.S. §914.1(c) states that a agricultural conservation easement shall not prevent the granting of leases, assignments or other conveyances or the issuing of permits, licenses or other authorization for the exploration, development, storage or removal of coal by underground mining methods, oil and gas by the owner of the subject land or the owner of the underlying coal by underground mining methods, or and gas, or the development of appurtenant facilities related to the removal of coal by underground mining methods, oil or gas development or activities incident to the removal or development of such minerals. This legislation would extend the provisions to include noncoal minerals (i.e. limestone).

It is important to emphasize that the land above the mine would still be intact and there would be no effect on the surface of the preserved property.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at [mknepner@pasen.gov](mailto:mknepner@pasen.gov) or by phone at 787-4651.