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# MEMO

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representatives Saylor, Denlinger, Marshall, Moul, Perry, Pickett and Watson

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SUBJECT: Marcellus Works Legislative Package

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In the near future, we plan on introducing Marcellus Works, a legislative package aimed at cleaning up the environment, creating jobs, and utilizing our own natural resources to work towards energy independence. Natural gas is abundant in Pennsylvania and its use as a vehicle fuel has many environmental as well as economical advantages. When compared to gasoline, natural gas produces 80 percent less particulate matter and 25 percent less carbon monoxide emissions. Economically, natural gas is selling between \$1.00 and \$1.50 a gallon cheaper than gasoline; the spread is even greater for diesel. This package has several components:

**Rep. Stan Saylor (York) House Bill 1083** creates tax credits for private fleet vehicles in order to lessen the incremental cost of natural gas vehicles.

**Rep. Dan Moul (Adams) House Bill 1084** creates a grant program available to small and medium sized mass transit agencies to cover the incremental cost of natural gas buses.

**Rep. Kathy Watson (Bucks) House Bill 1085** creates a revolving loan program available to large mass transit agencies to cover the incremental cost of natural gas buses.

**Rep. Jim Marshall (Beaver) House Bill 1086** requires 25 percent of all new bus purchases made by large mass transit agencies (SEPTA, PAT and Lehigh) in years 2012-2016 to run on natural gas, 50 percent in year 2017-2021, 75 percent in years 2021-2026 and 100 percent in 2027.

**Rep. Gordon Denlinger (Lancaster) House Bill 1087** creates a natural gas corridor tax credit which incentivizes the construction of natural gas fueling stations along travel corridors (PA Turnpike, I-78, I-79, I-80, I-81 and I-83).

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**Rep. Tina Pickett (Bradford) House Bill 1088** dedicates the Alternative Fuels Incentive Fund to grants to municipalities, schools and the private sector for the purchase of natural gas vehicles.

**Rep. Scott Perry (York) House Bill 1089** repeals CARB section 2030 in order to eliminate the costly duplicity of both EPA and CARB certifications for natural gas vehicles.

If you would like to co-sponsor any of these bills, please contact Cheryl Walker [cwalker@pahousegop.com](mailto:cwalker@pahousegop.com) or Jean Dougherty [jdougher@pahousegop.com](mailto:jdougher@pahousegop.com) or call 783-6426.