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# Memorandum

**Date:** August 29, 2011  
**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Curt Schroder, Member  
155<sup>th</sup> Legislative District *CS*  
**RE:** Marcellus Shale Environmental and Roadway Reimbursement

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I will be introducing legislation to ensure that the public does not foot the bill for the impact of Marcellus Shale drilling.

Under this proposal, each year the DEP would calculate an impact fee based upon the total eligible environmental costs from the prior calendar year and the total eligible transportation costs from the prior calendar year. These costs would be calculated based upon damage caused by drilling operations. In addition, county conservation districts will assess pipeline impacts and determine remediation costs to the Commonwealth, its municipalities and individual property owners. Based upon these totals, operators will be assessed a fee on each unconventional well to cover the previous year's costs of pollution and other damage.

This bill will protect the public and ensure that the true impact of Marcellus Shale drilling will be born by the drillers. Pollution will be cleaned up and roadways repaired. Yet this bill also treats the industry fairly by not imposing undue taxation.

Please respond through Groupwise to Tiffany Whittaker or call 3-2520 if you wish to cosponsor this legislation.

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