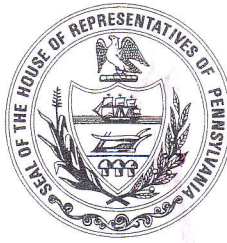


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Rick Mirabito 

DATE: May 9, 2012

SUBJECT: Marcellus Compact: Proposed legislation to establish the Marcellus Shale Job Creation Tax Credit program

In the near future I will be introducing a bill to amend Act 13 of 2012, the Marcellus Shale law passed by the General Assembly and signed by Governor Tom Corbett in February. My bill, part of the Marcellus Compact legislative package, will establish the Marcellus Shale Job Creation Tax Credit program as an incentive for companies involved in the natural gas industry to hire Pennsylvania workers.

Living in the heart of Marcellus Shale region, I have seen the impacts of the natural gas industry. The economic boon to the communities within the Marcellus Shale region is undeniable. Unfortunately, too many of the hard-working men and women in my area have been unable to share in the economic growth from natural gas drilling. A recent study showed that actual jobs created by development of the Marcellus Shale were significantly less than what had been originally predicted – 23,000 actual jobs created, as compared with the original estimate of 44,098 jobs. We can do better than that. That's why I am proposing legislation, part of the Marcellus Compact, which will provide a tax credit to those companies that hire Pennsylvania workers. My bill makes family-sustaining jobs for Pennsylvania workers a top priority in the Marcellus Shale gas industry.

The Marcellus Compact is a six-bill legislative package that fixes the flawed Marcellus Shale law, known as Act 13 of 2012. The Marcellus Compact is our promise to put the interests of Pennsylvania taxpayers, workers and families first.

Please join me in sponsoring this important legislation, which makes job-creation for Pennsylvania workers a top priority. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Jeannie Kosier at 717-772-1314 or by email at JKosier@pahouse.net.

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