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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Matt Bradford

DATE: May 7, 2012

SUBJECT: Marcellus Compact: Proposed legislation guaranteeing the right to full medical disclosure in fracking

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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 ensure the right to full medical disclosure in fracking.

As written, Act 13 could prevent doctors from sharing vital information with their patients and the public – including the impact of potentially toxic fracking chemicals on their health.

Politicians should not be able to come between doctors and their patients. To ensure no ambiguity exists in the law, my legislation will remove vague and potentially offending language limiting disclosure of fracking impacts on public health. My bill makes explicit in legislation the right for doctors to share information they receive from drilling companies with patients and others without violating any potential gag order or confidentiality provision.

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

Please join me in sponsoring this important legislation, which makes the health Pennsylvanians our top priority. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Deb Bricker in my office at (717) 772-2572 or via email at [dbricker@pahouse.net](mailto:dbricker@pahouse.net).