

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Phyllis Mundy

DATE: May 8, 2012

SUBJECT: Marcellus Compact: Reintroduction of Legislation Amending Title 58 (formerly House Bill 232 of this session)

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 stronger environmental protections and improve transparency and public accountability in Marcellus Shale drilling activities.

Act 13 fails to protect our streams, rivers and other public waterways from the impacts of the drilling industry, and it fails to provide oversight over the disposal and storage of potentially hazardous fracking chemicals. My bill corrects these flaws and puts the interests of Pennsylvanians first by protecting our critical environmental resources for today's residents and for future generations. My bill would:

- Establish a moratorium during which wastewater from oil and gas activities could not be discharged into surface waters;
- Create an online tracking system to report the storage, transportation, and disposal of wastewater;
- Prohibit drilling from taking place within a floodplain;
- Require drilling companies to obtain an erosion and sediment control (E&S) permit in addition to a regular well permit; and
- Require DEP, DCNR, the Fish and Boat Commission, and the Game Commission to jointly conduct a comprehensive study on the cumulative impacts of all anticipated oil and gas activities throughout the commonwealth.

The Marcellus Compact is a six-bill legislative package that fixes the flawed, industry-friendly 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 – unlike Act 13, which is a sweetheart deal for the multi-billion-dollar oil and gas industry.

Please join me in sponsoring this important legislation, which makes the health, safety and well-being of Pennsylvanians a top priority. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Kristen Bernard in my office at 717-783-1614 or via e-mail at kbernard@pahouse.net.