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TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Jim Marshall 14<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship for proximity and variance of unconventional gas wells

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending Title 58 of Act 13, to revise provisions related to gas well location restrictions.

More specifically, my legislation amends the term "shall" to "may" under section 3215(a) and (b)4 with regard to variances for location restrictions for unconventional wells in order to provide the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) greater discretion authorizing drilling activities.

It is both fitting and appropriate that we allow DEP more discretion over these matters to ensure not only environmental safety but the protection of our drinking water sources.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my Harrisburg office at 260-6432 or email Paula at pschadel@pahousegop.com.