



House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

September 20, 2019

The Honorable Tom Wolf
Governor of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania State Capitol
Harrisburg PA 17105

Re: VOC/methane regulations for existing oil and gas wells

Dear Governor Wolf:

We the undersigned members of the House of Representatives request that your administration move to bring the proposed VOC-Methane emissions regulations before the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) as soon as possible but no later than the November 19th EQB meeting. This proposal is an important part of your methane reduction strategy and the proposed regulations are more than two years behind schedule. The Department of Environmental Protection's Air Quality Technical Advisory Committee voiced their approval of the draft proposed regulations in April of this year – now is the time to act and have the regulations brought before the EQB.

Timely consideration by the Environmental Quality Board is necessary so that the regulatory process can start, and the public can begin to comment on this important rulemaking. Concerns about air quality have only increased along with the number of unconventional gas wells that have been drilled in Pennsylvania. As the second-largest natural gas producing state, Pennsylvania's air emissions from oil and gas operations have a significant impact on public health and global climate. Given the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent announcement to roll back regulations in this area makes it even more important for the Commonwealth to act now.

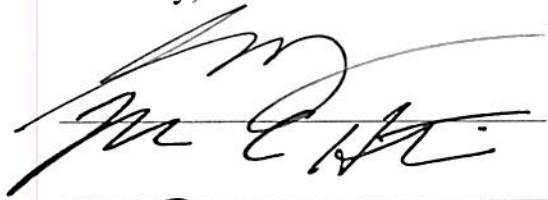
The proposed regulations should reduce methane emissions to the greatest extent practicable. We expect that the proposed rulemaking will be contentious. Many of members of the House of Representatives who are interested in this issue will not agree with everything that will be included in the department's proposal and some of us will

advocate for changes. However, the dialogue cannot begin until the rulemaking officially gets in the public realm with action by the EQB.

There is ample time to get the proposed regulations of the agenda for the November 19th EQB meeting. Please direct the department to move forward.

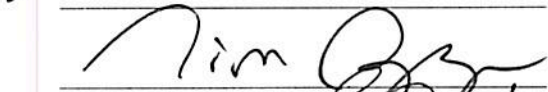
Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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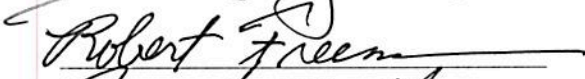
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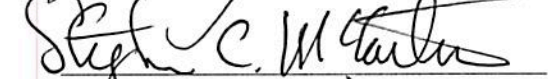
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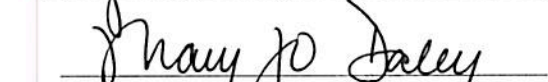
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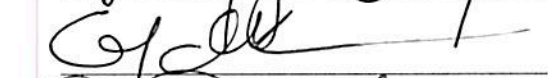
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