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Regarding the development of natural gas resources:

The state of Pennsylvania needs to move slowly and carefully, following the physician's creed--"first, do no harm."

Our natural gas resources will only become more valuable over time. There is no need to rush to drill.

The water and other resources that will be impacted by drilling are just as important-- probably more important--than the natural gas. Long after the last drop of natural gas has been extracted, people will still need clean water.

Currently, the technology for extracting this gas (ie. fracking) is too primitive and introduces too much risk to other important resources.

The sad history of surface mining in Pennsylvania should serve as an instructive example. The economic benefits of strip mining during the last century played out long ago, yet the damage to our waterways and ground water and the costs of clean up still linger to this day.

Let's not rush to open Pennsylvania to exploitation by multi-national corporations (and their out-of-state workers) who have no long-term interest in our state.

Sincerely,
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