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Comment Summary

Date: February 12, 2014
 Location: Warren County Court House
 To: Pennsylvania DEP Quality Board
 From: Garry Campbell, Warren County Tea Party President
 Subject: **Governmental Regulation Purpose, Necessity, Effect, and Recommendation**

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Purpose: In the interest of promoting the general welfare, within the narrow, but important, scope of your mission, preserving Pennsylvania's environmental assets, we adjure you to *carefully* approach regulatory changes that would have a profound impact on private oil and gas businesses. The DEP's purpose is to "prevent pollution and restore Pennsylvania's natural resources," not to destroy or purposely hinder private businesses.

If your intent is to remove small private business from the oil and gas industry, you are acting outside of Constitutional constraints. Knowing that you are influenced by federal EPA mandates and knowing the nefarious actions of the current leftist federal administration in regards to the private sector, it is easy to see that you, the PA DEP, could be easily used to advance a leftist agenda to remove small private businesses from the oil and gas industry.

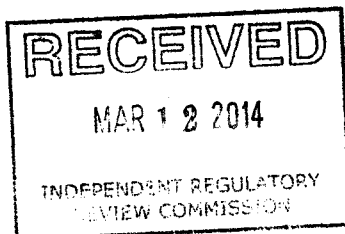
Necessity: Technical advances and other matters of necessity do require governmental regulation in the interest of safety and integrity. This applies to all industries, including those concerned with oil and natural gas acquisition. It is also necessary to do so carefully in a way that does not restrict freedom and free commerce.

Effect: Unnecessary, harmful, careless imposition of regulation on private oil and gas production companies can have an extremely restrictive effect upon small companies.

Recommendation: To remain with the constraints of the Constitution and within the context of your relatively narrow scope of endeavor, exercise your authority under the 10th Amendment to the US Constitution – states rights – in the effort to preserve liberty for Pennsylvanian businesses.

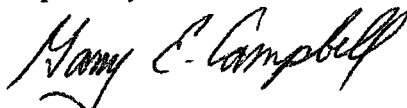
Commentary:

- More governmental regulation results in less liberty, generally speaking. We could easily view over-regulation as a reflection of the current, leftist administration's aim to diminish the private sector and expand government. Application of one-size-fits-all regulation on different aspects of the oil and gas industry is an unfocused and potentially destructive effort. Close "partnership" with the industries involved is absolutely critical to, in the end, promote the general welfare in the cause of freedom and liberty.



- Governmental regulation is necessary due to changes in technology and other relevant factors of necessity. Limited government regulation is necessary for the promotion of the general welfare. For example, the General Aviation Restoration Act of 1994 (GARA), which protected general aviation aircraft manufacturers from excessive, crippling legal action, was enacted to protect the general aviation industry from certain destruction.
- Too much governmental regulation can crush businesses. Look at the history of the American family farm. Excessive governmental regulation has nearly eradicated that icon of America!
- Your mission statement asserts that you will partner with individuals, organizations, governments and businesses. Partnership connotes an element of trust. Trust must be earned. For a partnership to work, there must be trust. Can you be trusted to work with Pennsylvanian private businesses to promote the general welfare and free commerce? Please determine to earn and keep that trust!
- Though your intent certainly is to do good work for your appointed office, please do so in a way that promotes the general welfare, and that preserves liberty!

Respectfully Submitted,



Garry E. Campbell

Applicable excerpts:

U. S. Constitution Preamble: ...promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty.... (This represents our freedom and liberty, including economic liberty)

PA Constitution Preamble: WE, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty...

Department of Environmental Protection: DEP's mission is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. We will work as partners with individuals, organizations, governments and businesses to prevent pollution and restore our natural resources.

References:

Preamble to the United States Constitution

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Preamble to the Pennsylvania Constitution

WE, the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of civil and religious liberty, and humbly invoking His guidance, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Mission statement for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection's mission is to protect Pennsylvania's air, land and water from pollution and to provide for the health and safety of its citizens through a cleaner environment. We will work as partners with individuals, organizations, governments and businesses to prevent pollution and restore our natural resources.