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## **Maximize Housing Impact in the Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Legislation**

Dear Michael,

The Marcellus Shale Impact Fee is on the move and all of the major proposal sponsors agree that housing should be part of whatever gets enacted. The Governor, Senator Scarnati (SB1100), Representatives Murt and DiGirolamo (HB 1863) all included housing in their proposals.

It is your chance to let your representatives know **HOW TO BEST ADDRESS THE HOUSING PROBLEM** and where the money should go. Call, write, or e-mail your senator and representative **NOW**.

Let them know that we must:

1. Dedicate housing funds to local communities to address local impact. In most places County Housing Funds already exist (Act 137) and are best equipped to address local needs of those directly impacted by drilling.
2. Direct a portion to PHFA via the Housing Trust Fund for local use to maximize local impact. With this dedicated revenue source PHFA can finance a bond. If they get \$5 million a year, they can do a bond of approximately \$70 million. **NOW THAT'S IMPACT.**
3. Make a Down Payment into the State Housing Trust Fund for statewide use. We are a Commonwealth. There is significant precedent for revenue sharing statewide and this fee comes at a time when there is statewide need and opportunity to jump start the local economy

through bolstering the housing market.

SB 1100 is being negotiated now with the aim to amend the bill in the **Senate Appropriations Committee TODAY** then pass it out of the Senate TOMORROW. There needs to be a dedicated investment in housing should be included in this and any legislation to address Marcellus Shale impact.

Don't delay. Call your senator and representative NOW or click below to send an email.

This is a great opportunity to address the dire housing needs in the Shale region and to make a down payment on the Housing Trust Fund. Investing in the housing market is not only good for our neighbors and our neighborhoods, housing construction creates jobs and local economic growth.

Let's make it happen for those hardest hit.

It's easy to act. Click the blue "act now" button for your legislator's contact info and/or to automatically send an email.

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**Deadline for responding:** Please take action by ***Monday, October 31, 2011 at noon.***

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