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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT

WHY WON'T OUR PA ELECTED OFFICIALS SLAP A SEVERANCE TAX ON NATURAL GAS DRILLERS? THIS TAX WOULD BE THE MOST LOGICAL WAY TO BALANCE THE STATE'S BUDGET

(Harrisburg, PA- PA COT) Our PA elected officials have proposed a "warehouse" tax and then a "5% tax on hotel rooms both of which would impact the working men and women in PA, but they refuse to consider a tax on the natural gas drillers! The natural gas deposits belong to Pennsylvanians and at the bare minimum the drillers should be taxed.

Pennsylvania should at least be compensated for having their water and their hunting grounds compromised by the drilling. The gas is here to stay and the big companies that are making "bookoo" profits will continue drilling in PA with or without a severance tax, and you can bet your bottom dollar on that.

In an article by John Micek that was published on Pennlive© - on line 10/2/2017 entitled -

“Did Sen. Scott Wagner try to kill a natural gas tax to help his campaign for governor? | Monday Morning Coffee”

The article stated that “As [Steve Esack of The Morning Call reported](#) over the weekend, **Wagner, R-York**, was caught on tape on Sept. 14 by a Democratic tracker assigned to follow him, saying that he'd urged **House Appropriations Committee Chairman Stan Saylor**, also a York Republican, to fight a severance tax proposal that's part of a \$570 million, Senate-approved revenue package.” The article went on to further state, “Speaking to a gathering of York County residents, **Wagner** was caught on tape saying this, **The Call** reported: "I went to school with **Stan Saylor**," **Wagner** said, according to the recording. "And I told Stan at a meeting three weeks ago, he was sitting like 15 feet away from me, I said 'Stan you cannot let this severance tax get through ... **because if that happens the governor is going to get re-elected. Stan, you take that to the bank.**'”

The article also references **Beth Melena**, a spokeswoman for the state Democratic Party, who according to the article accused House Republicans of "conspiring" with **Wagner** to block the tax proposal -- which **Wolf**, a majority of **Wagner's** fellow Senate Republicans, and House and Senate Democrats, want to use to help balance a \$32 billion spending plan that **Wolf** allowed to lapse into law in late June.

You can view and read the entire article at:

http://www.pennlive.com/capitol-notebook/2017/10/did_sen_scott_wagner_try_to_ki.html#incart_river_index

