

February 4, 2025

The Honorable Josh Shapiro  
Governor of Pennsylvania

Dear Governor Shapiro,

Within hours of taking office, Donald Trump issued a series of executive orders that set in motion his regressive energy agenda, relinquished any chance of America leading on the climate crisis, put many environmental protections in suspended animation, and erased any progress this country has made to address environmental injustice.

All of this happened as climate-enhanced wildfires continued to ravage Los Angeles, fires that started just days after the year ended when global temperatures exceeded 1.5°C.

The fires also started the same day you published your midterm accomplishments. Among them, you listed two that have been widely criticized by the environmental community. You entered into the “Radical Transparency” deal with CNX even though the company never made a secret that its reason for participating was to refute peer-reviewed research on the health impacts of fracking. The hydrogen hubs announced during your first year in office are, at worst, gifts to the fossil fuel industry and, at best, distractions from taking the real climate action Pennsylvania needs.

As the governor of the state that is the second largest producer of methane gas and that lags behind almost every other in the transition to renewable energy, you are uniquely positioned, and obligated, to effect urgently needed changes. Pennsylvania has always been an energy leader. It is past time for the state to establish itself as a renewable energy leader of the future and bring the fossil fuel era to a close.

The actions you take to address the climate crisis will provide immediate benefits to communities that have suffered the profound impacts of fracking for as long as two decades. The state has never tabulated what drilling and fracking costs us, but the human and environmental toll is immeasurable and devastating. You know that from the accounts you read in the report from the Grand Jury you convened.

Moreover, your actions can and must provide the environmental protection and progress on addressing climate change we will not see from the current administration in Washington. It is now up to you to protect the citizens of our Commonwealth.

Respectfully,

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