

# 100% Renewable Energy for PA

June 12, 2018

Dear Legislator,

On behalf of the organizations signed below, we are writing to ask you to cosponsor legislation proposed by state Representative Chris Rabb in the PA House of Representatives and Senator Chuck McIlhinney in the PA State Senate to help us tackle one of the greatest threats facing our planet—climate change.

There is growing consensus in the scientific community: if we hope to avoid the worst effects of climate change and leave a safer planet for our children, grandchildren and future generations, we must eliminate our emission of global warming pollution by 2050.

The stakes are incredibly high given the threat of more extreme weather events, the spread of exotic viruses and diseases, and health threats like increased cases of asthma and other respiratory ailments, and all the financial costs associated with addressing these challenges. But together we have the opportunity to leave a lasting legacy when it comes to fighting climate change.

Representative Chris Rabb's and Senator Chuck McIlhinney's proposed legislation does the following: based on the recommendations of top climate scientists, this bill will help transition the Commonwealth away from the pollution that's triggering climate change and move Pennsylvania toward 100% clean, renewable energy.

The good news is that we have the tools at our fingertips to achieve these goals and solve climate change. The clean energy economy is growing in Pennsylvania and across the nation. Since 2015, Pennsylvania had more jobs in the clean energy sector than in the area of fossil fuel development. As states across the nation attempt to tap into the economic opportunities being created by the clean energy economy, new centers of clean energy innovation will continue to form. There will be competition to attract businesses and foster these hubs, and Pennsylvania could send a strong signal that it's committed to the clean energy economy by setting a 100% goal.

Given this, I hope you will join us in supporting Rep. Rabb's and Sen. McIlhinney's legislation to transition Pennsylvania to 100% renewable energy by 2050. You can add your name to this legislation by emailing [DDuckett@pahouse.net](mailto:DDuckett@pahouse.net) (House) or [GReinard@pasen.gov](mailto:GReinard@pasen.gov) (Senate).

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support. Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions about this legislation or other pressing environmental issues.

Sincerely,

## Environmental Organizations

350 Bucks County, Adrienne Morgado, Board Member	Environmental Integrity Project, Lisa Hallowell, Senior Attorney
350 Pittsburgh, Kate Fissell	Evergreen Conservancy, Cindy Rogers, President
Allegheny County Clean Air Now, Angelo Taranto	Friends of the Wissahickon, Maura McCarthy, Executive Director
Audubon, Greg Goldman, Executive Director	Green Building Alliance, Dr. Aurora Sharrard, Executive Director
Berks Gas Truth, Karen Feridun, Founder	Group Against Smog and Pollution, Rachel Filippini, Executive Director
Breathe Project, Matthew Mehalik, Executive Director	Guardians of the Brandywine, Amy Bruckner, Secretary of the Board
Bucks County Audubon Society, Stacy Car-Poole, Executive Director	Haverford College's Committee for Environmental Responsibility, Michelle Lin, Student Rep
Bucks County Sierra Club, Sharon Furlong	Lackawanna River Conservation Association, Bernard McGurl, Executive Director
Bucks Environmental Action, Sharon Furlong	Lancaster Against Pipelines, Malinda Clatterbuck, Executive Board Member and Co-Founder
Center for Coalfield Justice, Veronica Coptis, Executive Director	Local Authority Western PA, Debra Boroweic, Founder
Citizen Power, David Hughes, Executive Director	Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Association, Dr. Vera Cole, President
Citizens Climate Education Pennsylvania, L. Ray Roberts, Co-Coordinator	Moms Clean Air Force, Mollie Michel, Field Organizer
Citizens Climate Lobby Bucks/Mont Chapter, Bill Mettler, Group Leader	NextGen America, Pat Millham, Pennsylvania Director
Citizens Climate Lobby Delaware County, Noel Smyth, Chapter Leader	Nine Mile Run Watershed Association, Brenda Smith, Executive Director
Citizens Climate Lobby Chester County, Jane Klein, Group Leader	PA Solar Energy Industries Association, Ron Celentano, President
Clean Air Council, Joe Minott, Executive Director and Chief Counsel	PennEnvironment, David Masur, Executive Director
Clean Water Action, Steve Hvozdoovich, Campaigns Coordinator	PennFuture, Ezra Thrush, Policy Director
Climate Reality Project: Susquehanna Valley Chapter, Sandy Field, Climate Reality Project Leader	Philadelphia Solar Energy Association, Liz Robinson, Executive Director
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Sierra Club, Tom Schuster, Senior Campaign Representative

Sierra Club Moshannon Group, Ernest Boyd, Chair

Sunrise Movement, Stephen O'Hanlon, PA Director

Sustainable Monroeville, Lois Drumheller, Co-Founder

Sustainable Pittsburgh, Court Gould, Executive Director

Tinicum Conservancy, James Engel, Executive Director

Tree Pittsburgh, Danielle Crumrine, Executive Director

Valley Forge Trout Unlimited, Peter Hughes, President

Vote Solar, Pari Kasotia, Mid-Atlantic Director

### **Civic Organizations**

Beaver Valley Preservation Alliance; Neighbors for Credibility, Kenneth Hemphill, Communications Coordinator

Bryn Mawr College Democrats, Katie Billings, Co-President

Bucks County Common Ground, Amy McGahran

Bucks County Green Party, Jennifer Isaacs, Chair

Citizens for Equality Action, Christine Russell, Group Leader

Conservation Consultants Inc., Jeaneen Zappa, Executive Director

Cultural Interchanges, Jerzy Golek, President

Democratic Committee of Lower Merion and Narberth, Mitchell Rothman, Committee member

H-CAN, Susan Cassanelli, Civic Involvement

Indivisible Berks, Jane Palmer, Executive Director

Indivisible Chester County, Shannon Browne, Web/Social Media Chair

Indivisible HOPE, Christine Stenner, Co-Founder

Indivisible Mid MontCo, Trevor Muth, Co-Chair

Indivisible: Narberth and Beyond, Nancy Kleinberg, Founder

Indivisible NW Philly, George Stern, Treasurer and Steering Committee

League of Women Voters, Susan Carty, President

Montgomery County Young Democrats, Mark Barbee, President

Organizing for Action, Mikhel Harrison, National Organizer

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Rise Up Doylestown, Elizabeth Dooley

Social Justice Group, Richard Kaplan, Environmental Action Committee

Sunlight of the Spirit House, Matthew Douglas, Owner

The Social Justice Group, MontCo / Philly, Indivisible, Ellen Stevenson, Founder

### **Religious Organizations**

Care of Creation, Father Bernard Survil, Executive Director

Evangelical Environmental Network, Reverend Mitchell Hescoc, President/CEO

Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart, Diane Bardol, V P and Social Justice Coordinator

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in PA, Tracey DePasquale, Director

PA Council of Churches, Sandra Strauss, Director  
of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach

Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light, Cricket  
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Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Mid-Atlantic  
Community, Sister Suzanne Gallagher, Justice  
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The Environmental Justice Center at Chestnut Hill  
United Church, Joy Bergey, Director

## Businesses

Agri-Dynamics Inc., Regina Marinelli,  
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Amazing Books & Records, Theo McCauley

Ananda Yoga LLC, Diane Hornberger

Apt Clinical Consultants, Inc., Adele Bon-  
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Arocena Design, Lorna Arocena, Architect

Bonn Place Brewing Co, Sam Masotto,  
President/Owner

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Central Books Used Books, Jessica Hohmann,  
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Clarion River Organics, Zeb Baccelli, Owner

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Jerry's Records, Christian Grauzer

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Lucy's Handmade Clothing Shop, Martin Villalba

Moo Duck Brewery, Mike Brubaker,  
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Something Else, Kristin Aloan, Owner

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The Local Vapor, Ken Cala, Co-Owner/manager

The Paper Unicorn, Patty White, Owner

The Sustainable Business Network of Greater  
Philadelphia, Anna Shipp, Executive Director

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