

How much do your Rights Cost?

A look at how the gas-industry money paid for SB 1100 and HB 1950



Late last year the PA General Assembly took up bills that would remove the right of local municipalities to regulate gas development in any meaningful way.

Proposed language includes, “local ordinances and enactments purporting to regulate oil and gas well operations regulated by this chapter are preempted and superseded by this chapter to the extent the ordinances and enactments regulate the method of oil and gas well operations.”

The Natural Gas Industry has given \$7,175,234 to Pennsylvania candidates and Political Action Committees (PACs) from 2000 through the end of 2010, according to a Common Cause/Pennsylvania (CCPA) analysis. \$3,442,212 was donated to elected officials currently in office.

Let’s examine the “money vote” as it pertains to the vote on SB 1100 on November 15, 2011

	YEAS (29)	NAYS (20)
Total amount of campaign donations accepted	\$818,524.00	\$115,200.00
Average amount accepted per Senator	\$28,224.97	\$5,760.00
Senators in the top 25 of PA politicians who took gas and oil money	11 or 38%	2 or 10%
Senators accepting donations of \$2,000.00 or more	28 or 97%	6 or 30%
Senators accepting donations of \$20,000.00 or more	9 or 31%	2 or 10%
Senators accepting donations of \$50,000.00 or more	3 or 10%	0
Number of Senators not accepting individual donations from the gas industry	0	4 or 20%

The average donation accepted per person of those who voted for SB 1100 was five times the average of those who voted against the bill.

The passage of SB 1100 highlights the corrupt relationship between the industry and our lawmakers. With its passage, it guarantees that local concerns and limitations will be pushed aside for quicker, more profitable, and less-safe gas exploitation. Local circumstances will be brushed and lead to unforeseen consequences that will almost certainly adversely affect the day-to-day life in our communities. Why has this one industry been afforded such a luxury?

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Is your Senator Part of the Sellout?

YEAS		NAYS	
Senator	Donation	Senator	Donation
ALLOWAY (R)	\$3,200.00	BLAKE (D)	\$500.00
*ARGALL (R)	\$19,600.00	BOSCOLA (D)	\$13,500.00
BAKER (R)	\$6,700.00	BREWSTER (D)	0
BROWNE (R)	\$4,500.00	COSTA (D)	\$13,850.00
BRUBAKER (R)	\$6,200.00	DINNIMAN (D)	\$500.00
*CORMAN (R)	\$67,290.00	EICHELBERGER (R)	\$1,550.00
EARLL (R)	\$8,800.00	FARNESE (D)	\$1,500.00
ERICKSON (R)	\$5,400.00	FERLO (D)	\$1,050.00
GORDNER (R)	\$3,800.00	FOLMER (R)	\$6,900.00
GREENLEAF (R)	\$2,700.00	FONTANA (D)	\$3,100.00
MCILHINNEY (R)	\$2,500.00	HUGHES (D)	\$500.00
MENSCH (R)	\$3,000.00	*KASUNIC (D)	\$27,250.00
*PICCOLA (R)	\$48,450.00	KITCHEN (D)	0
*PILEGGI (R)	\$48,250.00	LEACH (D)	\$1,500.00
*PIPPY (R)	\$32,725.00	*ORIE (R)	\$39,900.00
RAFFERTY (R)	\$4,600.00	SCHWANK (D)	0
*ROBBINS (R)	\$31,350.00	STACK (D)	\$1,500.00
*SCARNATI (R)	\$293,334.00	TARTAGLIONE (D)	0
SMUCKER (R)	\$1,100.00	WASHINGTON (D)	\$1,600.00
*SOLOBAY (D)	\$48,825.00	WILLIAMS (D)	\$500.00
*TOMLINSON (R)	\$32,050.00	TOTAL:	\$115,200.00
VANCE (R)	\$5,000.00	AVERAGE:	\$5,760.00
VOGEL (R)	\$4,500.00	Those representatives marked with an * are ranked in the top 25 individual recipients in PA. Gov. Tom Corbett is the highest ranked at \$1,634,100.00 2 nd Joe Scarnati- The bill's sponsor 4 th Donald White 6 th Jake Corman 9 th Timothy Solobay 10 th Jeffery Piccola 11 th Dominic Pileggi 12 th Jane Orie 15 th John Pippy 16 th Robert Tomlinson 17 th Robert Robbins 18 th Richard Kasunic 22 nd David Argall 23 rd Mary Jo White	
WARD (R)	\$11,050.00		
WAUGH (R)	\$3,750.00		
*WHITE DONALD (R)	\$89,150.00		
*WHITE MARY JO (R)	\$18,700.00		
WOZNIAK (D)	\$8,300.00		
YAW (R)	\$3,700.00		
TOTAL:	\$818,524.00		
AVERAGE:	\$28,224.97		

If your Senator was part of the money vote, call him or her and voice your opposition. Contact information can be found at <http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator>



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What can we do about it?



Contact your state legislators and voice your opposition:

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Inform your local officials:

Once informed, most local officials oppose HB 1950 and SB 1100 because of the loss of local control. Visit them, write them, call them, text them and give them reasons to oppose the bills. Contact information is below.

Boroughs: <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/butler/lib/butler/planning/boroughlist.pdf>

Townships: <http://www.co.butler.pa.us/butler/lib/butler/planning/twplist.pdf>

Rally

Attend the Municipal Rights Rally - planned for Jan. 17 at 11 a.m., at the State Capitol.

You are not alone

One Dec. 13 over 200 people gathered including municipal leaders from over 40 townships and 7 counties to discuss the adverse effects of eliminating local zoning rights. Watch the youtube video. Part two is particularly compelling. Two MOB members speak. Can you find them?

<http://www.youtube.com/user/MarcellusOutreachBTL>

Watch the powerful powerpoint here

[http://marcellusoutreachbutler.us4.list-](http://marcellusoutreachbutler.us4.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=4f547809270e8e9e346f2a063&id=0cf07d895f&e=7245d52241)

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Reasons officials oppose

1. PA Supreme Court mandates local zoning control
2. PSATS Opposes the Bills
3. Local Input is Healthy and Loss of Predictability inhibits Local Growth
4. Towns Cannot Control Harmful Local Effects to Residents
5. The State can Sanction a Town by Withholding Impact Fees if they don't Comply
6. Towns will Face New Lawsuits, at Taxpayer Expense
7. Setbacks are Weakened
8. Towns are Denied the Right to Fight
9. The Legal and Regulatory Waters are Muddled:

Visit our website for more reasons to oppose HB 1950

<http://www.marcellusoutreachbutler.org/14-reasons-to-oppose-hb-1950-and-sb1100.html>

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