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### PUC Damage Prevention Committee Announces Actions Against Underground Facility Owners, Excavators and Project Owners

*Plans Hybrid In-Person, Livestreamed and Virtual Meeting on July 12*

**A** total of 141 disciplinary actions, including \$65,625 in administrative penalties, have been taken against 82 underground facility owners, excavators and project owners in the **latest enforcement actions** [https://www.puc.pa.gov/media/1958/dpc\\_case\\_summaries\\_061222.pdf](https://www.puc.pa.gov/media/1958/dpc_case_summaries_061222.pdf) by the Public Utility Commission's (PUC's) Damage Prevention Committee (DPC). These actions were taken during the DPC's June 2022 meeting.

The next meeting of the Damage Prevention Committee (DPC) is Tuesday, July 12, at 9 a.m. Members of the public, the media and others are invited to join the meeting in person in Hearing Room 1 of the Commonwealth Keystone Building, Harrisburg. Additionally, the PUC will **livestream the DPC meeting** on the PUC website at <https://www.puc.pa.gov/live-streaming/>. Attendees also will be able to access the virtual conference by clicking on this Microsoft Teams event link

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_M2NiYzhNmYtOWY5ZS00MGY4LWFhYjctNGYzZTI3ZGVjNmVj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d90a3983-778f-4a0d-babb-2e33bba65d80%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_M2NiYzhNmYtOWY5ZS00MGY4LWFhYjctNGYzZTI3ZGVjNmVj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22418e2841-0128-4dd5-9b6c-47fc5a9a1bde%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d90a3983-778f-4a0d-babb-2e33bba65d80%22%7d) or by calling into the telephone conference by dialing 267-332-8737, and then entering passcode 775 834 064# to listen to the meeting. The meeting **agenda** is available on the PUC's website at [https://www.puc.pa.gov/media/1957/dpc\\_agenda\\_071222.pdf](https://www.puc.pa.gov/media/1957/dpc_agenda_071222.pdf).

#### About the DPC

The DPC is a peer-based group of 13 representatives, nominated by their industry or affiliated organization and appointed by the PUC. Creation of the committee was authorized by Act 50 of 2017, which enhances Pennsylvania's Underground Utility Line Protection Act - also known as the "One Call Law." The focus of the DPC is to reduce the number of "hits" on underground lines and utilities.

The DPC meets regularly to review alleged violations of Act 50 and make informal determinations as to the appropriate response including, but not limited to, the issuance of warning letters, mandatory training programs and/or administrative penalties. **Summaries of actions taken at monthly DPC meetings** are available on the PUC's website at

<https://www.puc.pa.gov/pipeline-safety/damage-prevention-committee/>.

### Digging Safety - PA One Call

Every year, Damage Prevention and Safety responds to numerous underground line hits across the state. While underground lines are often "out of sight and out of mind," every hit poses a risk to the contractors and homeowners who are doing the digging; to utility workers and emergency responders who are mobilized when lines are struck; and to bystanders who live, work or travel near the locations of the incidents.

State law requires contractors and residents to contact **PA One Call** <https://www.palcall.org/> at least three business days prior to excavation - triggering alerts to all utilities within an intended digging area and prompting utilities to mark where their facilities are located. Pennsylvanians can dial 8-1-1 to connect with the One Call system, while out-of-state residents or businesses can call 1-800-242-1776.

### About the Bureau of Investigation & Enforcement

The independent Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (I&E) enforces state and federal pipeline safety, electric safety and motor carrier safety laws and regulations and represents the public interest in ratemaking and service matters before the PUC's Office of Administrative Law Judge. I&E has the authority to bring enforcement action, seek emergency orders from the Commission or take other steps to ensure public safety.

**Source:** PUC Press Release, 7/5/2022

## **DRBC Water Quality Updates**

**T**he following are water quality updates from the Delaware River Basin Commission

- The DRBC's Delaware Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Program is one of the longest-

running in the world. Samples are collected at 22 stations, ensuring water quality criteria are being met. From April to October, the DRBC posts the bacteria data collected on its website. Please see <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/programs/quality/boat-run.html> to view June 2022 data, as well as pdfs of April and May data.

- The DRBC's summer monitoring season is underway, and staff will be busy collecting data to support various DRBC water quality programs through the fall. Please see [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20220705\\_summer-monitoring.html](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20220705_summer-monitoring.html) to check out what we're up to!
- The DRBC is partnering with the USGS to monitor bacteria levels in Camden's Pyne Poynt Park. Please visit [https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20220603\\_USGS\\_Fluidion.html](https://www.nj.gov/drbc/home/newsbytes/approved/20220603_USGS_Fluidion.html) to learn more.
- The DRBC's 2021 Annual Report is now available at <https://www.nj.gov/drbc/library/documents/2021AR.pdf>. The report provides updates on several DRBC ongoing water quality studies, in addition to other 2021 highlights.

**Source:** DRBC, 7/7/2022

## **Yaw: Fertilizer Responsible Use Bill Headed to Governor**

**L**egislation sponsored by Sen. Gene Yaw (R-23) to mandate responsible use of fertilizer through updated application standards heads to the governor's desk this week for his signature.

"Developed areas, and the turf associated with them, are a growing source of nutrient pollution to our waters," Yaw said. "These standards, which are consistent with standards enacted in neighboring states, acknowledge that we all have a part in reducing pollution and meeting our clean water goals while maintaining healthy lawns."

## Senate Bill 251

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2021&sInd=0&body=S&type=B&bn=0251> sets clear standards for fertilizer application to turf and modernizes the state's existing program to ensure proper testing and labeling of fertilizer products. It also directs the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture to establish a new agricultural and homeowner education program to inform the public about best practices for the application of fertilizer.

"The nutrients in fertilizer promote plant growth on land, but when excess nitrogen or phosphorus enters surface water such as a stream or lake, it promotes the growth of harmful algae that suffocates aquatic life and increases the treatment cost of drinking water," Yaw said.

The enacted standards include best practices to reduce nutrient runoff, such as not applying fertilizer close to waterways, not applying fertilizer to frozen ground or impervious surfaces like sidewalks and driveways and applying the correct amount of fertilizer based on a soil test.

Bagged do-it-yourself fertilizer will not be able to contain phosphorus unless it is labeled for the establishment or repair of a lawn that requires phosphorus. Many of the available fertilizer products for lawns already comply.

The legislation received overwhelming support in both the Senate and House of Representatives and now awaits the governor's signature.

**Source:** Senator Yaw Press Release, 7/7/2022

## Langerholc Reaches Compromise to End Bridge Tolling

**O**n July 7, 2022, the Senate of Pennsylvania unanimously passed legislation led by Sen. Wayne Langerholc, Jr. (R-35), chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, to stop the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) from imposing new tolls on existing

bridges with a Public-Private Transportation Partnership (P3).

"Bipartisan compromise was reached on my Senate Bill 382 to save over 550,000 daily motorists from paying a new toll on major bridges that drive local economies," said Langerholc. "As elected leaders, our duty to this Commonwealth will require tremendous action to preserve our freeways for future generations."

Langerholc was appointed chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee in January 2021, and the committee's first public hearing was on PennDOT's P3 bridge tolling initiative. In February 2021, Langerholc introduced Senate Bill 382 to reform the P3 statute and end PennDOT's P3 bridge tolling initiative. Following the Senate's passage of the bill in April 2021, Langerholc unveiled the DRIVE SMART Act in June 2021 to reform and invest in the Commonwealth's transportation system. The House of Representatives passed **Senate Bill 382**

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/billInfo/billInfo.cfm?sYear=2021&sInd=0&body=S&type=B&bn=0382> in November 2021 and returned it to the Senate for concurrence.

Senate Bill 382, as amended, is agreed-to with Gov. Wolf, who previously intended to veto the bill. Following extensive negotiations, this legislation now includes the following:

- Increases transparency by requiring PennDOT to publish a detailed analysis and requiring PennDOT to distribute a copy of the P3 Board's resolution.
- Incorporates public comments by creating a new 30-day public comment period prior to the P3 Board's voting meeting.
- Creates a checks-and-balance by reducing the scope of PennDOT's power to optional user fees for new infrastructure and ensuring the General Assembly has more time to assess any transportation projects passed by the P3 Board.
- Rescinds the PennDOT Pathways Major Bridge P3 Initiative and limits the scope to the nine candidate bridges (instead of any major bridge in the State) without user fees.
- Saves taxpayer dollars by allowing PennDOT to preserve the preliminary designs and

engineering plans for the nine candidate bridges.

"I had serious concerns with PennDOT's authority to essentially tax and appropriate funds without additional oversight from the General Assembly," said Langerholc. "At a time when the price of gas is hitting historic records under the Biden Administration, we had to stop PennDOT from adding more costs on Pennsylvania's hardworking families."

The compromise to the bill was reached following the Commonwealth Court's two rulings against PennDOT's oppressive overreach. The last order issued by the Commonwealth Court on June 30, 2022, voided the entire Major Bridge P3 Initiative.

**Source:** Senator Langerholc Press Release, 7/7/2022

## **PA Chamber: Tax Reforms an Extraordinary Win for Pennsylvania**

*Reduction of CNI, Other Reforms to Boost PA's Competitive Edge, Attract New Investment*

**T**he Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry today applauded state lawmakers and Governor Tom Wolf for the passage of significant reforms to the Commonwealth's tax structure, including a reduction to the state's uncompetitive Corporate Net Income Tax rate and notable tax relief for small businesses.

"This monumental tax reform package is a win for businesses and the people of Pennsylvania," said PA Chamber President and CEO Luke Bernstein. "Pennsylvania has so much to offer potential investors and entrepreneurs. These tax reforms instantly make us more globally competitive and allow us to focus on Pennsylvania's strengths as a hub of global commerce and opportunity - our prime location, world-class educational institutions, innovative workforce and more."

"We are proud to stand with the leaders of the House and Senate, Governor Wolf and other legislative champions of business who supported these vast improvements to our state's competitiveness. This tax reform package, which was a top legislative priority for our organization for decades, is a major step towards showing that Pennsylvania is open for business and ready to chart a path toward a bright future for our state's economy."

For decades, Pennsylvania's CNIT rate, which at 9.99 percent was the highest flat rate in the country, served as a barrier to growth. The budget cuts the rate in half over the course of nine years - starting with a full one percent reduction in 2023 to 8.99 percent and then phasing down each year by .50 percent until reaching 4.99 percent in 2031. Based on current state corporate tax rates, the full reduction takes Pennsylvania from the highest CNI tax rate in the country to the sixth lowest by 2031 and is the first change in the rate since 1995 - giving our economy a vigorous boost in our post-pandemic recovery.

The benefits of a more competitive business tax code go far beyond just improving the state's business climate. Studies have shown that a decrease in the corporate tax rate leads to increased GDP, higher wages and increased home values, all of which create family sustaining jobs and attract and retain new talent.

The newly passed tax reform package also includes additional relief for small businesses, affording businesses the opportunity to defer personal income tax liabilities through "like-kind exchanges" of certain property - another long-sought after member-centric goal of the PA Chamber. This provision allows employers to invest in the job-creating assets businesses need to stay competitive. Previously, Pennsylvania was the only state in the country that did not offer this type of deferral. An additional component of the package aligns the state Tax Code with federal tax law by allowing small businesses to deduct qualifying equipment purchases from personal income tax liabilities, just as federal tax law provides for under Section 179. This change makes it easier for employers to buy equipment and invest, which in turn promotes job growth.

"This long sought-after overhaul of Pennsylvania's business tax structure would not have been possible without a bipartisan, collaborative effort," Bernstein added. "We thank our legislative leaders for working with Governor Wolf and ensuring this tax reform package was part of this year's budget, prioritizing the Commonwealth's competitiveness and working alongside the Chamber, together for Pennsylvania. We look forward to seeing the Governor sign this historic reform into law. In a time when compromise can be elusive, this bipartisan measure is a good illustration that by working together, we can put Pennsylvania jobs, businesses, and investment first and chart a path towards a brighter future for our Commonwealth."

Source: PA Chamber Press Release, 7/7/2022

## **Martin, Laughlin and Yaw Applaud Establishment of \$220M Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund**

**L**egislation establishing the landmark Pennsylvania Clean Streams Fund heads to the governor's desk this week as part of the 2022-23 budget, Sens. Scott Martin (R-13), Dan Laughlin (R-49) and Gene Yaw (R-23) announced today.

The senators have spearheaded the creation of this fund over the last two legislative sessions through multiple proposals, including Senate Bill 832, which passed the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee in September of 2021.

"This is a momentous investment in our rivers and streams to improve water quality for all Pennsylvanians," Martin said. "We will be able to reduce pollutants to support healthy habitats for fish and humans alike, decrease flooding in prone areas, while reducing water treatment costs. This is all at no additional expense to taxpayers."

The Clean Streams Fund uses \$220 million from the American Rescue Plan to clean up rivers and

streams damaged by decades of non-point source pollution, including agricultural runoff, abandoned mine drainage and stormwater management in developed areas.

"I'm happy that we could get this done as part of the budget," Laughlin said. "In a year where we had this type of surplus, it would be a travesty if we couldn't invest in our environment the way we have with the Clean Streams Fund. As Chairman of the Senate Game and Fisheries Committee and a proud conservationist, I have a million reasons to support healthy and vibrant streams, rivers and waterways. This is a win-win-win for Pennsylvanians"

The fund will support a new statewide Agricultural Conservation Assistance Program that will partner with counties to remediate the affected waterways. It will also launch a "Pay for Success" pilot program that rewards entrepreneurs for discovering new and cost-effective ways to reduce pollution.

"The Clean Streams Fund puts money into action by correcting decades of non-point source pollution with innovative solutions, like farming cooperatives and strategic tree planting, without demanding a single cent from taxpayers," Yaw said. "Our rivers and streams are a source of beauty, purpose and economic opportunity in this state and the Clean Stream Funds will preserve and enhance these waterways for generations to come."

Pennsylvania boasts the highest stream density in the continental United States, with more than 85,000 miles of waterways that support a \$26.9 billion outdoor recreation industry and more than 390,000 jobs.

Unfortunately, one-third of those rivers and streams are not safe for fishing, swimming or drinking. Every mile of polluted stream limits economic opportunity and increases treatment costs for residents, though historically, the state's efforts to remediate its waterways has focused on point sources of pollution - like wastewater treatment plants.

"An investment of this magnitude will go a long way toward restoring our streams with the help of farmers, whose modern techniques and commitment

to conserving our land and water will be crucial to the success of this program," Martin said. "I appreciate the support and commitment from the General Assembly and our governor in making the Clean Streams Fund a reality."

Without a regulatory permit, and without any ratepayers or user fees to support them, the burden of protecting our local streams and creeks from non-point sources falls on individual farmers and landowners. However, the impacts of non-point pollution as well as the benefits of its clean-up are felt by all Pennsylvanians.

"This is an historic achievement and I am grateful for the support of my fellow lawmakers and our governor in getting this across the finish line," Yaw said. "We must do all that we can to support our top industries, agriculture and tourism, and preserve the natural resources we've been gifted."

Senators Martin and Yaw represent Pennsylvania as members of the Chesapeake Bay Commission. Martin serves as the vice chair of the commission.

**Source:** Senate Republican Communications, 7/8/2022

## **Pennsylvania House Republican Leaders Comment on Historic State Budget**

**T**he fiscal year 2022-23 state budget passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives by a vote of 180-20 and House Republican leaders hailed the spending plan as historic in its investment in Pennsylvania while ensuring fiscal responsibility to provide stability in future years.

"Right now, families across Pennsylvania are forced to make difficult financial decisions due to out-of-control inflation. Our key goal in this budget is to promise taxpayers this budget does not contribute to that on-going crisis, and works to reverse it," Speaker of the House Bryan Cutler said. "This budget manages the challenges of our current situation, while benefiting taxpayers in the future.

Whether it is maximizing savings in our Rainy Day Fund, protecting and investing in our farmers, or making historic targeted strides in improving our children's futures, this is a budget every Pennsylvanian can be proud of."

The 2022-23 state budget and related legislation provide historic tax cuts, investments in education and environmental programs, and help for vulnerable populations, nursing homes and other assisted living facilities.

"At a time with so much at stake and taking a realistic view of our future economic outlook, this budget delivers for the people of Pennsylvania today while setting us up for a stable Commonwealth tomorrow," said Pennsylvania House Majority Leader Kerry Benninghoff (R-Centre/Mifflin). "Not only did we hold the line on spending, but our caucus led on making key investments in growth areas of Pennsylvania to drive community investment and strengthen our families and the future of our children. This is truly a budget every Pennsylvanian should be proud of."

Importantly, the fiscal year 2022-23 state budget uses state funds prudently to provide for the immediate needs of Pennsylvanians while setting the Commonwealth up for solvency into the future and making Pennsylvania competitive with other states to attract job creators to drive long-term growth.

"The budget that we passed today is the most comprehensive budget-related legislative package I have experienced in a long time. It is a budget that puts the needs of the people before the needs of the government," said House Appropriations Committee Chairman Stan Saylor (R-York).

"This budget contains historic tax cuts that make Pennsylvania more competitive in job creation, provides relief to working families and seniors, and makes targeted investments in the people of Pennsylvania. This spending plan also leaves the next General Assembly in sound financial order by using the prudent budgeting principles that are the continued hallmark of Republican leadership."

More information about the state budget can be found at <http://www.pahousegop.com//statebudget>.

Source: House Republican Caucus, 7/7/2022

# Governor Wolf Cements Legacy with Historic \$3.7 Billion in Education Funding

*2022-23 Budget Includes \$1.8 Billion Increase in PA Schools*

On July 8, 2022, Governor Tom Wolf celebrated a budget that solidifies his **commitment to education** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/priorities/#InvestinginStudentsandEducation> at all levels with a historic \$1.8 billion investment increase. The Wolf Administration has increased education funding by more than \$3.7 billion since 2015, ensuring the opportunity for Pennsylvanians to succeed with a top-tier education without shouldering taxpayers with the bulk of the responsibility for funding schools.

“Since I took office, Pennsylvania’s students and families have been my top priority. We have made long overdue investments in the people of Pennsylvania, including better education for all, safer communities, and a brighter future,” Gov. Wolf said. “Securing \$1.8 billion for education in this budget furthers these efforts and results in a historic \$3.7 billion in investments my administration has made in education at all levels over the last eight years. I’m extremely proud of what we have accomplished.”

## Investing in a Quality Education for All

This budget builds on the governor’s commitment to putting resources back into schools with a new \$1.8 billion increase to benefit students from pre-k through college. This investment—which includes \$850 million in reoccurring funding to allow school districts to invest in student learning while simultaneously cutting local property taxes—is on top of the already historic \$1.9 billion increase <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-supports-budget-with-largest-education-funding-increase-in-state-history/> in education funding Gov.

Wolf secured in previous years for a total of \$3.7 billion in new education funding during the Wolf Administration.

This year’s \$1.8 billion increase includes:

- \$525 million increase through the **Fair Funding Formula**. On average Pennsylvania schools will see their funding increase by 8 percent.
- \$225 million increase for **Level Up** <https://leveluppa.org/> to provide targeted support to the 100 most in-need school districts, ensuring that every child in Pennsylvania has the opportunity to thrive and succeed through equal access to a high-quality education no matter their zip code.
- \$100 million increase for **Special Education**.
- \$79 million increase for Early Education through **Pre-K Counts and Head Start**.
- \$220 million for public **higher education**.

## Meeting the Needs of Pennsylvanians

This budget prioritizes direct resources for Pennsylvanians and Pennsylvania families, and makes legacy investments in state parks and the environment, including:

- \$140 million in direct property tax relief to implement Gov. Wolf’s proposed **one-time bonus rebate** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-calls-on-general-assembly-to-invest-in-older-pennsylvanians-individuals-with-disabilities-through-property-tax-relief-program-2/> through the Property Tax Rent Rebate Program.
- \$375 million for **safe and affordable housing** by creating new units, repairing existing units and funding home repairs.
- \$90 million to **stabilize the child care workforce** through recruitment and retention payments.
- \$25 million for a new **Child Care Tax Credit** to benefit Pennsylvania’s working families with children in child care.
- \$2 million for **women’s reentry** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/first-lady-wolf-discusses-importance-of->

[employment-and-finances-for-women-reentrants/](#) to give reentrants the best opportunity to start fresh and reduce recidivism.

- \$1 million for a **Hunger Free Campus Initiative** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/first-lady-wolf-joins-college-students-administrators-advocates-and-legislators-in-calling-for-action-to-address-college-hunger/> that will provide grants to higher education institutions to create or expand food pantries and further address college food insecurity.
- \$100 million for **adult mental health services**, and the creation of a dedicated Behavioral Health Commission to make recommendations for allocating the funds.
- \$100 million for **student mental health support** to ensure Pennsylvania's youth have all the resources they need to overcome challenges and succeed through Ready to Learn Block Grants.
- \$35 million to recapitalize the **Student Loan Relief for Nurses Program**.
- \$696 million for **conservation, recreation, and preservation**, including funding to support the creation of three new state parks and a new ATV park.

In addition to these investments, the budget supports a stronger business economy to bring new business and good paying jobs to Pennsylvania. This is a result of reforming Pennsylvania's Corporate Net Income Tax (CNIT) to ensure tax equality and fairness and reduce the CNIT to 4.99 percent by 2031.

#### Supporting Safer Communities

This budget includes funding to help make Pennsylvania communities safer through increased security and grassroots violence interruption efforts, including:

- \$250,000 increase for **It's On Us PA** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/its-on-us/> to further combat sexual assault and make colleges and universities safer.
- \$100 million increase for **School Safety Grants** to ensure children learn and grow in safe, healthy environments.

- \$50 million for **Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention** <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-announces-23-million-in-second-round-of-violence-intervention-and-prevention-grant-program-awards/> programs to promote grassroots efforts for safer communities.
- \$105 million for **violence prevention, public safety, and safer communities**.
- \$135 million for **local law enforcement support**.
- \$5 million for **Non-Profit Security Grants** to provide security grants to organizations targeted by hate crime.

#### Securing Financial Stability

When Gov. Wolf took office, Pennsylvania's Rainy Day Fund was down to its last \$231,800. Over the past seven years, the governor has turned a \$2-3 billion structural deficit into a multi-billion-dollar budget surplus. Gov. Wolf will be the first governor since Dick Thornburgh, who left office in 1987, to turn over a budget surplus to his successor.

This budget builds on that foundation by:

- Depositing a record \$2.1 billion into the **Rainy Day Fund**, building it to a historic balance of nearly \$5 billion.
- Securing a **\$5.3 billion surplus**, on top of the Rainy Day Fund balance, for Pennsylvania's future.
- Makes strategic investments to set up the commonwealth to support Pennsylvanians without raising taxes or creating a future fiscal cliff.

**Source:** Governor Wolf's Press Office, 7/8/2022

## **Yaw: Commonwealth Court Right to Pause Wolf's Unconstitutional Carbon Tax**

**S**en. Gene Yaw (R-23) released the following statement after the Commonwealth Court granted a preliminary injunction on July 8,

2022 that delays Pennsylvania’s entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) pending further court action:

“The court made the right choice today in pausing implementation of RGGI and I am optimistic that we will succeed on the merits of the case. We need to pursue climate solutions that encourage collaboration with our energy sector, not regressive and unconstitutional taxes meant to destroy it and leave us reliant on foreign oil and gas for decades to come. I look forward to further court action on this matter and continuing our fight to protect Pennsylvania’s economic prosperity.”

**Source:** Senator Yaw Press Release, 7/8/2022

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