

“Instead of working to mitigate climate change, many PA legislators are making things worse”

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A tip o' the hat to Steve Repasch for passing on [“How Penn State Is Cutting Greenhouse Emissions In Half — And Saving Money”](#) as “something to add to the climate discussion.”

Gadfly:

I agree with Ted Morgan's statement in his recent [“Your View”](#) article about the enormous challenge of mitigating climate change, wherein he stated, “those political actors and fossil fuel producers who resist the necessary changes are guilty of crimes against humanity.” Have you read or heard of the PA legislature's package of bills deceptively named “Energize PA”? They are nothing but eight industry-focused bills with the main purpose of promoting more fossil fuels. HB 1100, which gives a huge tax credit for petrochemical manufacturers, has already passed. And now they are working to pass three more bad bills: HB 1102, 1106 and 1107, which support the fossil fuel industry and strip the PA DEP of

its ability to protect our environment and public health. The natural gas industry is eyeing Northeastern PA as a place to build more petrochemical plants. Contact your representatives immediately, and tell them we don't want PA to be supporting the fossil fuel industry and why we should be transitioning away from fossil fuels, not subsidizing them. Instead of working to mitigate climate change, many PA legislators are making things worse. We need legislators who protect their constituents, not support industries which damage public health.

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