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Monday, May 14, 2012

Chairman Brian Coppola
Robinson Township Board of Supervisors
Washington County
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Re: Letter of Support to Challenge Act 13 of 2012

Dear Mr. Coppola,

I am writing to express our support for your efforts to legally challenge Act 13 of 2012 (formerly known as HB1950). This newly enacted law preempts local zoning authority over natural gas and oil operations in all municipalities. Among other damaging things, the Act makes it impossible for municipal officials to meet their obligations under the Municipalities Planning Code, an essential responsibility that we, as local elected officials, consider a fundamental responsibility.

We support your efforts and encourage you to bring common sense and our municipal rights back to Pennsylvania municipalities.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William A. Spingler".

William A. Spingler
President
Radnor Township Board of Commissioners
301 Iven Avenue, Wayne, PA 19087
Delaware County

**RESOLUTION 2012-54
RADNOR TOWNSHIP**

**A RESOLUTION OF RADNOR TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE ACT 13 CHALLENGE**

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2012, the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted Act 13, legislation which is detrimental to local governments and to residents of Pennsylvania's 2,563 municipalities; and,

WHEREAS, Act 13 requires municipalities to allow oil and gas operations except for processing plants in all zoning districts, and consequently infringes upon the rights of local governments throughout the Commonwealth to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, any local ordinance that regulates oil and gas operations is subject to Act 13's sweeping restrictions, as well as serious threats of litigation and attorneys' fees authorized under the Act; and

WHEREAS, Act 13 removes all meaningful zoning and planning authority from local governments as to the oil and gas industry, while all other entities, be they individual, corporate, or institutional, still must abide by local ordinances; and,

WHEREAS, Act 13 does not account for the profound differences in the character, landscape, resources, economy, and government of Pennsylvania's municipalities.

NOW, THEREFORE be it hereby *RESOLVED* that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners opposes the implementation of Act 13 for the following reasons:

1. The Act removes from local governments the ability to meaningfully legislate in a manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, and the Act eliminates local concerns pertaining to oil and gas development.
2. The Act impermissibly grants special rights and privileges upon the oil and gas industry to the detriment of the rights and privileges of Radnor Township citizens.
3. The Act constitutes special legislation in violation of the Pennsylvania Constitution, Article I, Section 27, which bestows upon Pennsylvania residents a right to clear air, clean water and the protection of natural resources.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Radnor Township Board of Commissioners endorses the efforts of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network and the municipalities challenging the validity and implementation of Act 13.

SO RESOLVED, at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Radnor Township conducted on this 14th day of May, 2012.

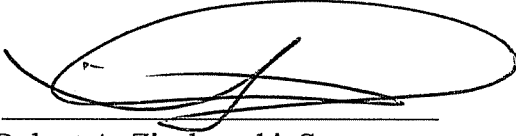
RADNOR TOWNSHIP

By: William A. Spingler

Name: William A. Spingler

Title: President

ATTEST:



Robert A. Zienkowski, Secretary