



John Hanger Endorsement Statement from Families Affected by Gas Drilling

When our family and our neighbors experienced problems with gas drilling in communities like Dimock, we felt like David against Goliath. But thankfully, there were some people who stood by us and helped. One of the most effective of those people was John Hanger. As head of Pennsylvania's DEP, John came to Dimock and other communities many times, got to know us and our problems first-hand. John sat and met with all of us and really listened to understand what we were up against. John gave us hope. He recalled his early days as a public-interest lawyer representing low-income families who were being squeezed by the utilities, so we knew he'd been there before.

But more important than supportive words, John took action. He led a professional, independent investigation and followed the facts. With John's help, we were able to at least level the playing field with the gas drillers and begin to recover some semblance of normalcy to our lives and our community. John can help our communities find common ground and begin healing.

We believe that - more than anything else - our next governor has to restore balance between the gas drillers and the public with strong regulations, fair taxation on gas production, and protection of our air, water and land – especially public lands. John will effectively address the health, environmental, social and economic issues of gas production.

John Hanger has a specific detailed plan to create world-class drilling standards for Pennsylvania, and he has the experience and expertise to deal with the oil-and-gas industry effectively with the public interest always paramount. That plan includes opening an office dedicated to receiving and investigating citizen complaints about gas drilling, including concerns that landowners have about their leases and royalty payments.

John Hanger is strong, capable, honest and concerned only about the public welfare. When it comes to gas drilling, that kind of leadership has been absent in Pennsylvania under Tom Corbett.

There are also many other reasons to support John Hanger for Governor:

- He wrote the moratorium on further gas drilling in our state forests and will stop an expansion of gas drilling into our parks;
- He is the only candidate to pledge to double our use of renewable energy and substantially boost energy conservation – the long-term solutions to our energy problems;

- He is the only candidate to say what he will do to reduce Pennsylvania's contribution to climate change;
- His solid track record of success includes saving Pennsylvania families billions of dollars on their electric bills through a 14-year rate cap when he fought to open up the retail electricity market to competition;
- His work both in and out of government resulted in 24 operating wind farms and more than 6,000 solar systems in Pennsylvania where none existed before; and,
- He is the only candidate running for governor who is willing to clearly state where he stands on the issues that are most important to Pennsylvanians.

We endorse John today not only because he will be a strong, tough regulator of the gas industry, but also because he will fight for Pennsylvanians who experience problems as a result of gas drilling and will stand with those who have no power against the powerful.

Jean Carter, Dimock, Susquehanna County

Ronald Carter, Dimock, Susquehanna County

James Costello, Dimock, Susquehanna County

Julie Costello, Dimock, Susquehanna County

Frank Finan, Lathrop Township, Susquehanna County

Kelly Finan, Lathrop Township, Susquehanna County

Carolyn Knapp, Sheshequin Township, Bradford County

Tammy Manning, Franklin Township, Susquehanna County

Rebecca Roter, Brooklyn Township, Susquehanna County

Victoria Switzer, Dimock, Susquehanna County

Charles and Janis Wunschuh, Springville, Susquehanna County