

PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL SCORECARD 2019-2020



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Pennsylvania's constitution guarantees our right to a clean and healthy environment, yet our Commonwealth ranks as the third-highest emitter of climate pollution in the nation and has the third-highest rate of cancer. Our rates of lung diseases like asthma remain far above the national average. Many of our counties rank among the worst communities in America for air pollution and more than a third of our lakes and a fifth of our streams are considered greatly impaired. PFAS chemicals and fracking pose existential threats to our water and the families that rely on it. Our schools, homes, and hospitals are often in the projected blast zone of gas pipelines and oil trains. On top of all of those threats to our health, in 2020 our Commonwealth faced the COVID-19 pandemic, a disease exacerbated by asthma and lung disease. And as always, these threats fall disproportionately on the Black, Brown and low-income communities often forced to live next door to the worst sources of pollution.

Rather than dealing with those myriad issues, the Pennsylvania General Assembly instead spent the last two years seeking to derail the agencies that protect our environment and health, to promote and incentivize more fracking and more plastic, and to roll back or eliminate vital environmental laws and regulations.

Too often, the general public does not know about the environmental attacks that take place each session in the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Our organizations believe that democracy works best when the electorate understands the crucial legislation that impacts our families, our air, our water, and our health, and uses that information to engage their elected officials and hold those leaders accountable.

Towards these goals, our organizations present the 2019-2020 Pennsylvania Environmental Scorecard, which compiles the most crucial environmental votes that the Pennsylvania General Assembly took during the current legislative session. To compile this list, our organizations worked with dozens of other environmental advocates, activists, and leaders to ensure that we are reviewing and scoring the most important and highly watched environmental votes.

Prior to each vote, our organizations work together to make sure that legislators understand the environmental impacts of the legislation in question and know how to best cast their votes for the environment. This includes direct conversations with legislators and their staff, calls and emails from the members of our organizations and the general public, position papers explaining the legislation in question, and other modes of communication.

A lifetime score was also given for each legislator. This score reflects their pro-environment voting record going back to the 2007-2008 legislative session. This adds greater context to each legislator's position on environmental issues over time.

The 2019-2020 legislature was marked by an influx of 49 new legislators, including a record number of women and environmental champions.

They brought fresh and critical voices to fights around water contamination from lead, air pollution caused by methane and carbon emissions, and the many other environmental issues facing Pennsylvania. That growing bloc of environmental legislators succeeded in defending against dozens of attacks on our existing environmental laws, however anti-environmental leadership in both the House and Senate made it difficult to pass any new, pro-environmental policies.

The majority of the votes scored in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives centered on the recurring and misleading idea of "regulatory reform." The real goal of these bills was to inject politics into an environmental regulatory process that is currently based on science. If all of these bills had become law, any single legislator would have had the power to unilaterally block any needed environmental regulation. The House also voted to block Pennsylvania's ability to reduce carbon emissions by joining the successful Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, meanwhile bailing out the struggling petrochemical industry with hundreds of millions of dollars in tax credits.

The majority of the votes scored in the Pennsylvania State Senate dealt with making it easier for the oil and gas industry to operate in the state. This included dangerous bills to rollback regulations for conventional oil and gas operations to outdated standards from the 1980s and to significantly weaken the Clean Streams Law by altering what is legally considered "pollution."

In perhaps its most egregious move of the session, at the height of the COVID-19 and economic crises, both chambers passed a bill providing hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funded giveaways to some of the world's largest and wealthiest corporations to build petrochemical plants, incentivizing more fracking and plastics pollution. After vetoing the initial effort, Governor Wolf negotiated a backroom deal to revive this policy as part of legislation that would reduce financial burdens on volunteer service providers, like EMS, fire, and rescue companies, putting many legislators in the difficult position of choosing to vote for the environment or for first responders. Environmental champions in both chambers attempted to amend this legislation to minimize its environmental impacts, but in the end, far too many legislators voted for these bills.

The 2019-2020 legislative session was bad, but could have been much worse. It was Pennsylvanians, armed with the knowledge of their legislators' actions and willing to step up and fight for a cleaner future, who stopped the worst bills and set the stage for real progress in the next session. We hope that this scorecard becomes another tool that they can use to create a better Pennsylvania.

FACTS & FIGURES

HOUSE

AVERAGE SCORES: **83%** DEMOCRATS **3%** REPUBLICANS **40%** ENTIRE STATE HOUSE

HOUSE FIRST TERM LEGISLATOR AVERAGES: **92%** DEMOCRATS **4%** REPUBLICANS **49%** ALL FIRST TERM LEGISLATORS

HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

These legislators scored **100%** during the 2019/2020 legislative session

Matt Bradford (D-70)
Tim Briggs (D-149)
Carolyn Comitta (D-156)
Mary Jo Daley (D-148)
Pam DeLissio (D-149)
Elizabeth Fiedler (D-184)
Dan Frankel (D-23)

Bob Freeman (D-136)
Liz Hanbidge (D-61)
Kristine Howard (D-167)
Sara Innamorato (D-21)
Mary Isaacson (D-175)
Leanne Krueger (D-161)
Summer Lee (D-34)

Steve McCarter (D-154)
Danielle Friel Otten (D-155)
Chris Rabb (D-200)
Steve Samuelson (D-135)
Ben Sanchez (D-153)
Christina Sappey (D-158)
Melissa Shusterman (D-157)

Brian Sims (D-182)
Jared Solomon (D-202)
Mike Sturla (D-96)
Wendy Ullman (D-143)
Greg Vitali (D-166)
Perry Warren (D-31)
Joe Webster (D-150)

Dan Williams (D-74)
Mike Zabel (D-163)

HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL LOW SCORES

These legislators scored **0%** during the 2019/2020 legislative session

Kerry Benninghoff (R-171)
Aaron Bernstine (R-10)
Timothy Bonner (R-8)
Stephanie Borowicz (R-76)
Bob Brooks (R-54)
Rosemary Brown (R-189)
Martin Causer (R-67)
Bud Cook (R-49)
Jim Cox (R-129)
Lynda Culver (R-108)
Bryan Cutler (R-100)
Eric Davanzo (R-58)
Gary Day (R-187)
Sheryl DeLozier (R-88)
Russ Diamond (R-102)

Matt Dowling (R-51)
George Dunbar (R-56)
Cris Dush (R-66)
Torren Ecker (R-193)
Joe Emrick (R-137)
Garth Everett (R-84)
Mindy Fee (R-37)
Jonathan Fritz (R-111)
Matt Gabler (R-75)
Valerie Gaydos (R-44)
Barbara Gleim (R-199)
Jim Gregory (R-80)
Keith Greiner (R-43)
Seth Grove (R-196)
Doyle Heffley (R-122)

Sue Helm (R-104)
Johnathan Hershey (R-82)
Dave Hickernell (R-98)
Rich Irvin (R-81)
Lee James (R-64)
Mike Jones (R-93)
Barry Jozwiak (R-5)
Josh Kail (R-15)
Rob Kauffman (R-89)
Dawn Keefer (R-92)
Mark Keller (R-86)
Kate Klunk (R-169)
Jerry Knowles (R-124)
Andrew Lewis (R-105)
Ryan Mackenzie (R-134)

Zach Mako (R-183)
David Maloney (R-130)
Jim Marshall (R-14)
Kurt Masser (R-107)
Daryl Metcalfe (R-12)
Carl Metzgar (R-69)
Natalie Mihalek (R-40)
David Millard (R-109)
Brett Miller (R-41)
Lori Mizgorski (R-30)
Dan Moul (R-91)
Marc Mustello (R-11)
Eric Nelson (R-57)
Donna Oberlander (R-63)
Tim O'Neal (R-48)

Jason Ortitay (R-46)
Clint Owlett (R-68)
Mike Peifer (R-139)
Tina Pickett (R-110)
Michael Puskaric (R-39)
Jeff Pyle (R-60)
Jack Rader (R-176)
Kathy Rapp (R-65)
Mike Reese (R-59)
Jim Rigby (R-71)
Brad Roae (R-6)
Greg Rothman (R-87)
David Rowe (R-85)
Frank Ryan (R-101)
Tommy Sankey (R-73)

Stan Saylor (R-94)
Lou Schmitt (R-79)
Justin Simmons (R-131)
Curt Sonney (R-4)
Craig Staats (R-145)
James Struzzi (R-62)
Mike Tobash (R-125)
Marcy Toepel (R-147)
Tarah Toohil (R-116)
Jesse Topper (R-78)
Mike Turzai (R-28)
Ryan Warner (R-52)
Parke Wentling (R-17)
Jeff Wheeland (R-83)
David Zimmerman (R-99)

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SENATE

AVERAGE SCORES: **83%** DEMOCRATS **3%** REPUBLICANS **38%** ENTIRE STATE SENATE

SENATE FIRST TERM LEGISLATOR AVERAGES: **94%** DEMOCRATS **7%** REPUBLICANS **39%** ALL FIRST TERM LEGISLATORS

SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMPIONS

These legislators scored **100%** during the 2019/2020 legislative session

Maria Collett (D-12)
Jay Costa (D-43)
Larry Farnese (D-1)
Art Haywood (D-4)

Tim Kearney (D-26)
Katie Muth (D-44)
Steve Santarsiero (D-10)
Lindsey Williams (D-38)

SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL LOW SCORES

These legislators scored **0%** during the 2019/2020 legislative session

David Argall (R-29)
David Arnold (R-48)
Ryan Aument (R-36)
Lisa Baker (R-20)
Camera Bartolotta (R-46)
Michelle Brooks (R-50)
Pat Browne (R-16)

Jake Corman (R-34)
John DiSanto (R-15)
John Gordner (R-27)
Scott Hutchinson (R-21)
Wayne Langerholc (R-35)
Dan Laughlin (R-49)
Scott Martin (R-13)

Doug Mastriano (R-33)
Bob Mensch (R-24)
Kristin Phillips-Hill (R-28)
Joe Pittman (R-41)
Mike Regan (R-31)
Joe Scarnati (R-25)
Mario Scavello (R-40)

Pat Stefano (R-32)
Elder Vogel (R-47)
Judy Ward (R-30)
Kim Ward (R-39)
Gene Yaw (R-23)



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BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE BILL 430

Final Passage 4/30/2019

Passed in the House (105-90)

Awaiting action in the Senate

Makes it easy to get rid of existing pollution regulations and almost impossible to create new ones. This bill disrupts the process for implementing environmental protections, while creating new mechanisms for elected officials to repeal existing environmental regulations that have already been through an intensive regulatory review process.

The Pro-Environment vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 732

Vote on the Motion 7/14/2020

Failed in the House (112-89)

Procedural vote to suspend the rules so HB 732 (establishing a petrochemical tax credit) could be amended to include community and environmental protections.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “Yes”.

HOUSE BILL 509

Final Passage 4/30/2019

Passed in the House (109-86)

Awaiting action in the Senate

Takes the authority to issue environmental permits away from scientists at the Department of Environmental Protection and instead allows polluting companies to choose and hire their own unaccountable private permit reviewers.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 762

Final Passage 4/30/2019

Passed in the House (102-94)

Awaiting action in the Senate

Creates a “regulatory compliance officer” to arbitrarily establish policies for waiving fines or penalties for gas and oil industry violations. This would prevent enforcement and shield polluters from being held accountable.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 732

Final Passage 7/13/2020

Passed in the Senate (40-9), 7/14/20

Concurred in the House (163-38), 7/14/20

Amended to include a \$670 million, 25-year tax credit for petrochemical and fertilizer manufacturing facilities that use natural gas produced in Pennsylvania. This bill would subsidize the fracking industry and aid the development of new sources of pollution across the state.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 806

Final Passage 4/30/19

Passed in the House (102-91)

Awaiting action in the Senate

Gives politicians the authority to override new environmental regulations, threatening the Department of Environmental Protection’s ability to set much-needed protections. This bill would take decision-making power away from scientists and give it to politicians.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE BILL 1083

Vote on the Motion 5/28/20

Failed in the House (110-92)

Procedural vote that removes language from one of the 2020 budget bills that would prohibit municipalities from banning or creating a fee for single use plastics.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “Yes”.

HOUSE BILL 2025

Final Passage 7/8/20

*Passed in the House (130-71)
Awaiting action in the Senate*

Prevents Pennsylvania from regulating carbon pollution and joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, costing the state hundreds of millions of dollars and exacerbating the climate crisis. Also revokes the existing authority of the Department of Environmental Protection to regulate greenhouse gasses.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 1100

Final Passage 9/19/19

*Passed in the House (139-46), 2/4/20
Passed in the Senate (39-11), 2/4/20
Concurred in the House (157-35), 3/27/20
Vetoed by the Governor*

Provides hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funded subsidies to some of the world’s largest corporations to build petrochemical plants, incentivizing more fracking and plastics pollution. Though the Governor vetoed this bill initially, it was revived through amendments to House Bill 732.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

SENATE BILL 327

Final Passage 4/7/20

*Passed in the House (108-93), 4/15/20
Concurred in the Senate (29-21), 4/21/20
Concurred in the House (108-94), 5/13/20
Concurred in the Senate (28-20), 5/14/20
Concurred in the House (108-94), 5/19/20
Vetoed by the Governor*

Amended to halt the implementation of any environmental regulations while the COVID-19 emergency order was in place for Pennsylvania. This would halt the Department of Environmental Protection’s ability to set much-needed regulations for air, water, and climate pollution, even though pollution-caused diseases like lung cancer and asthma exacerbate the dangers of COVID-19.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 1822

Final Passage 4/21/20

*Passed in the House (105-97)
Awaiting action in the Senate*

Amended to halt funding for some of Pennsylvanian’s most important environmental programs, including programs that preserve the state’s threatened family farms, fund state and local parks, support local recycling programs, and help protect and restore Pennsylvania’s rivers and streams.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

SENATE BILL 790

Final Passage 10/21/20

*Passed in the Senate (26-23), 5/27/20
Passed in the House (109-93), 5/27/20
Awaiting action in the Senate*

Rolls back regulations for conventional oil and gas drilling operations to outdated standards from the 1980’s, including allowing well operators to replace peoples’ drinking water they contaminated with a source that does not meet safe drinking water standards.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

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	Pro-Environment Vote																	
	Anti-Environment Vote																	
NS	Excused Absence (not scored)																	
-	Not In Office* (not scored)																	
NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY																
Barrar, Steve	160	R	8	31	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Benninghoff, Kerry	171	R	0	10	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Bernstine, Aaron	10	R	0	8	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Bizarro, Ryan	3	D	62	57	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	▲	●	▲	▲
Boback, Karen	117	R	8	50	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	●
Bonner, Timothy	8	R	0	0	-	-	▲	▲	-	-	▲	-	-	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Borowicz, Stephanie	76	R	0	0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Boyle, Kevin	172	D	69	94	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	▲	●	●	●
Bradford, Matthew	70	D	100	99	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Briggs, Tim	149	D	100	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Brooks, Bob	54	R	0	0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Brown, Rosemary	189	R	0	18	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Bullock, Donna	195	D	85	95	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Burgos, Danilo	197	D	77	77	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	▲
Burns, Frank	72	D	46	54	●	▲	▲	▲	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	▲	●	●	▲
Caltagirone, Thomas	127	D	77	89	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Carroll, Mike	118	D	77	82	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Causar, Martin	67	R	0	5	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Cephas, Morgan	192	D	83	92	●	NS	▲	●	●	●	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Ciresi, Joe	146	D	92	92	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Comitta, Carolyn	156	D	100	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Conklin, Scott	77	D	77	92	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	▲	▲	●	●	●	●	▲
Cook, Bud	49	R	0	8	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Cox, Jim	129	R	0	12	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Cruz, Angel	180	D	67	85	NS	NS	▲	●	NS	NS	●	▲	▲	●	●	●	●	▲
Culver, Lynda	108	R	0	15	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Cutler, Bryan	100	R	0	17	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Daley, Mary Jo	148	D	100	100	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Davanzo, Eric	58	R	0	0	-	-	▲	▲	-	-	▲	-	-	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Davidson, Margo	164	D	82	96	NS	●	▲	●	●	NS	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Davis, Austin	35	D	92	95	●	●	●	●	●	NS	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	●
Davis, Tina	141	D	83	94	●	●	▲	●	●	●	●	NS	●	●	▲	●	●	●

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 Pro-Environment Vote	 Anti-Environment Vote	NS Excused Absence (not scored)															
NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY															
Dawkins, Jason	179	D	85	86													
Day, Gary	187	R	0	23													
Deasy, Daniel	27	D	69	81													
DeLissio, Pamela	194	D	100	97													
Delloso, David	162	D	69	69													
Delozier, Sheryl	88	R	0	19													
DeLuca, Anthony	32	D	67	68								NS					
Dermody, Frank	33	D	77	80													
Diamond, Russ	102	R	0	5													
Donatucci, Maria	185	D	77	87													
Dowling, Matthew	51	R	0	4													
Driscoll, Michael	173	D	62	84													
Dunbar, George	56	R	0	8													
Dush, Cris	66	R	0	3													
Ecker, Torren	193	R	0	0													
Emrick, Joe	137	R	0	10													
Everett, Garth	84	R	0	22													
Farry, Frank	142	R	15	38													
Fee, Mindy	37	R	0	8													
Fiedler, Elizabeth	184	D	100	100													
Fitzgerald, Isabella	203	D	92	96													
Flynn, Marty	113	D	69	65													
Frankel, Dan	23	D	100	96													
Freeman, Robert	136	D	100	99													
Fritz, Jonathan	111	R	0	8													
Gabler, Matt	75	R	0	10													
Gainey, Ed	24	D	89	98	NS					NS		NS	NS				
Galloway, John	140	D	83	89								NS					
Gaydos, Valerie	44	R	0	0													

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NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY															
Goodman, Neal	123	D	69	81													
Green, Roni	190	D	86	83	-	-			-	-		-	-				
Gregory, Jim	80	R	0	0													
Greiner, Keith	43	R	0	10													
Grove, Seth	196	R	0	15													
Hahn, Marcia	138	R	8	17													
Hanbidge, Liz	61	D	100	100													
Harkins, Patrick	1	D	62	84													
Harris, Jordan	186	D	85	86													
Heffley, Doyle	122	R	0	10													
Helm, Susan	104	R	0	20													
Hennessey, Tim	26	R	8	32													
Hershey, Johnathan	82	R	0	0													
Hickernell, David	98	R	0	17													
Hill-Evans, Carol	95	D	77	88													
Hohenstein, Joe	177	D	92	92								NS					
Howard, Kristine	167	D	100	100													
Innamorato, Sara	21	D	100	100								NS					
Irvin, Rich	81	R	0	3													
Isacson, Mary	175	D	100	100													
James, Lee	64	R	0	10													
Jones, Mike	93	R	0	8													
Jozwiak, Barry	5	R	0	11													
Kail, Joshua	15	R	0	0													
Kaufer, Aaron	120	R	8	16													
Kauffman, Rob	89	R	0	12													
Keefer, Dawn	92	R	0	4													
Keller, Mark	86	R	0	18													
Kenyatta, Malcolm	181	D	92	92													

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KEY			2019/2020 SCORE	LIFETIME SCORE	HB430-Regulatory Interference (Disrupts environmental regulation implementation)	HB509-Regulatory Interference (Gives polluters permitting authority)	HB732-Establishes a Petrochemical Tax Credit	HB732-Establishes a Petrochemical Tax Credit (Motion to include environmental protections)	HB762-Regulatory Interference (Created "Regulatory Compliance Officer")	HB806-Regulatory Interference (Gives politicians regulatory authority)	HB1083-Halts Prohibition of Plastic Bag Bans and Fees	HB1100-Petrochemical Tax Credit Final Passage	HB1100-Petrochemical Tax Credit Concurrence Vote	HB1822-Halts Key Environmental Funding	HB2025-Prevents Pennsylvania From Addressing Climate Change	SB327-Stops New Environmental Regulations During COVID-19	SB790-Rolls Back Oil and Gas Protections
 Pro-Environment Vote	 Anti-Environment Vote	NS Excused Absence (not scored)															
NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY															
Rowe, David	85	R	0	0	-	-	▲	▲	-	-	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Rozzi, Mark	126	D	69	84	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	▲	▲	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿
Ryan, Francis	101	R	0	12	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sainato, Chris	9	D	46	58	🌿	▲	▲	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	▲	▲	🌿	▲	🌿	▲
Samuelson, Steve	135	D	100	99	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Sanchez, Benjamin	153	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Sankey, Tommy	73	R	0	0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sappey, Christina	158	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Saylor, Stan	94	R	0	18	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schemel, Paul	90	R	8	8	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schlossberg, Mike	132	D	92	92	🌿	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Schmitt, Louis	79	R	0	0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Schroeder, Meghan	29	R	23	23	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	🌿	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿
Schweyer, Peter	22	D	85	89	🌿	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Shusterman, Melissa	157	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Simmons, Justin	131	R	0	15	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sims, Brian	182	D	100	92	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Snyder, Pamela	50	D	46	45	🌿	▲	▲	🌿	▲	🌿	🌿	▲	▲	🌿	▲	🌿	▲
Solomon, Jared	202	D	100	95	NS	NS	🌿	🌿	NS	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Sonney, Curtis	4	R	0	16	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Staats, Craig	145	R	0	11	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Stephens, Todd	151	R	38	40	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Struzzi, James	62	R	0	0	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Sturla, Michael	96	D	100	95	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Thomas, Wendi	178	R	31	31	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	▲	▲	▲	▲	🌿	🌿	▲	🌿
Tobash, Mike	125	R	0	15	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Toepel, Marcy	147	R	0	23	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	NS	▲	▲	▲	▲
Tomlinson, Kathleen	18	R	14	14	-	-	▲	▲	-	-	▲	-	-	▲	▲	▲	🌿
Toohil, Tarah	116	R	0	13	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Topper, Jesse	78	R	0	7	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Turzai, Mike	28	R	0	16	▲	▲	-	-	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	-	▲	▲
Ullman, Wendy	143	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿

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🌿	Pro-Environment Vote																	
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NS	Excused Absence (not scored)																	
—	Not In Office* (not scored)																	
NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY																
Vitali, Greg	166	D	100	97	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Warner, Ryan	52	R	0	3	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️
Warren, Perry	31	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Webster, Joe	150	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Wentling, Parke	17	R	0	3	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️
Wheatley, Jake	19	D	91	82	🌿	🌿	⚠️	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	NS	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Wheeland, Jeff	83	R	0	5	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️
White, Martina	170	R	15	22	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	🌿	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	🌿
Williams, Dan	74	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	NS	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Youngblood, Rosita	198	D	78	90	NS	NS	⚠️	🌿	NS	NS	🌿	🌿	⚠️	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Zabel, Mike	163	D	100	100	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿	🌿
Zimmerman, David	99	R	0	8	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️	⚠️

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BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE BILL 1100

Final Passage 9/19/19

*Passed in the House (139-46), 2/4/20
Passed in the Senate (39-11), 2/4/20
Concurred in the House (157-35), 3/27/20
Vetoed by the Governor*

Provides hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funded subsidies to some of the world's largest corporations to build petrochemical plants, incentivizing more fracking and plastics pollution. Though the Governor vetoed this bill initially, it was revived through amendments to House Bill 732.

The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".

SENATE BILL 398

Final Passage 10/22/2019

*Passed in the Senate (27-22)
Awaiting action in the House*

Prohibits state agencies from explaining what newly proposed regulations would do or why they are needed, hampering the public's ability to understand future proposals and in turn, their ability to participate in environmental policy proposals.

The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".

SENATE BILL 327

Final Passage 4/7/20

*Passed in the House (108-93), 4/15/20
Concurred in the Senate (29-21), 4/21/20
Concurred in the House (108-94), 5/13/20
Concurred in the Senate (28-20), 5/14/20
Concurred in the House (108-94), 5/19/20
Vetoed by the Governor*

Amended to halt the implementation of any environmental regulations while the COVID-19 emergency order was in place for Pennsylvania. This would halt the Department of Environmental Protection's ability to set much-needed regulations for air, water, and climate pollution, even though pollution-caused diseases like lung cancer and asthma exacerbate the dangers of COVID-19.

The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".

SENATE BILL 619

Final Passage 6/26/2019

*Passed in the Senate (26-24)
Awaiting action in the House*

Lets polluters off the hook for many discharges and spills by changing the definition of "pollution" in the Clean Streams Law. If the spill or discharge is diluted enough by a stream, Senate Bill 619 mandates that it does not need to be reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection or to downstream users.

The Pro-Environment Vote is "No".

BILL DESCRIPTIONS

HOUSE BILL 732

Final Passage 7/13/2020

*Passed in the Senate (40-9), 7/14/20
Concurred in the House (163-38), 7/14/20*

Amended to include a \$670 million, 25-year tax credit for petrochemical and fertilizer manufacturing facilities that use natural gas produced in Pennsylvania. This bill would subsidize the fracking industry and aid the development of new sources of pollution across the state.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.

HOUSE BILL 732

Muth Amendment A 06683 7/13/2020

Failed in the Senate (29-20)

Amended to require a pre-tax credit environmental impact study on the production and use of fossil fuels in Pennsylvania and its impacts on air quality, carbon emissions, water quality, and public health.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “Yes”.

HOUSE BILL 732

Muth Amendment A 06687 7/13/2020

Failed in the Senate (30-19)

Amended to require petrochemical manufacturers receiving the tax credit and their upstream natural gas supply companies to submit plans to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “Yes”.

SENATE BILL 790

Final Passage 10/21/20

*Passed in the Senate (26-23), 5/27/20
Passed in the House (109-93), 5/27/20
Awaiting action in the Senate*

Rolls back regulations for conventional oil and gas drilling operations to outdated standards from the 1980's, including allowing well operators to replace peoples' drinking water they contaminated with a source that does not meet safe drinking water standards.

The Pro-Environment Vote is “No”.



SENATE VOTES

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 Pro-Environment Vote	 Anti-Environment Vote	NS Excused Absence (not scored)										
NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY										
Killion, Thomas	9	R	50	58								
Langerholc, Wayne	35	R	0	8								
Laughlin, Daniel	49	R	0	7								
Leach, Daylin	17	D	88	88								
Martin, Scott	13	R	0	0								
Mastriano, Doug	33	R	0	43								
Mensch, Bob	24	R	0	32								
Muth, Katie	44	D	100	100								
Phillips-Hill, Kristin	28	R	0	0								
Pittman, Joe	41	R	0	0								
Regan, Mike	31	R	0	10								
Sabatina, John	5	D	75	83								
Santarsiero, Steven	10	D	100	100								
Scarnati, Joseph	25	R	0	25								
Scavello, Mario	40	R	0	37								
Schwank, Judith	11	D	75	91								
Stefano, Patrick	32	R	0	11								
Street, Sharif	3	D	75	86								
Tartagione, Christine	2	D	75	79								
Tomlinson, Robert	6	R	38	48								
Vogel, Elder	47	R	0	19								
Ward, Judith	30	R	0	0								
Ward, Kim	39	R	0	19								

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▲	Anti-Environment Vote											
NS	Excused Absence (not scored)											
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NAME	DISTRICT	PARTY										
Williams, Anthony	8	D	75	85	▲	✔	✔	✔	▲	✔	✔	✔
Williams, Lindsey	38	D	100	100	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔	✔
Yaw, Gene	23	R	0	21	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Yudichak, John	14	I	38	70	▲	▲	✔	✔	▲	▲	▲	✔



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The Pennsylvania General Assembly spent the last two years seeking to **derail the agencies that protect our environment and health**, to promote and incentivize more fracking and more plastic, and to **roll back or eliminate vital environmental laws** and regulations. ”



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