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SB0878 is not a serious bill. The 2017 pro-fracking bill was 100 pages long and included promises from the oil and gas industry to be a responsible partner, to mitigate environmental hazards as much as possible, to offset any negative economic effects by bringing jobs and wealth, and so on. We did not trust that bill's promises, not believing a word of the pro-fracking lobbyists and the vested-interest so-called experts from the American Petroleum Institute. But at least there was something substantive that we could argue with. This new bill is one page. Are you kidding?

We rather think the frivolous nature of the bill's argument is betrayed by its brevity, lack of specifics as to scientific evidence, missing guidance and regulations, and complete insensitivity to the concerns of the people who actually live on top of the Marcellus Shale – to say nothing of the concerns of our West Virginia and Pennsylvania neighbors who now rue the day that they brought the fracking disaster onto themselves.

Please vote to bury SB878.

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