



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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To: All Senators

From: Senator Mary Jo White, Chairman  
Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee

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Re: Senate Bill 354

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Earlier today you received a letter from Michael Fedor of the PA League of Conservation Voters expressing opposition to Senate Bill 354. A similar press release was issued yesterday.

While I am happy to discuss the relative merits of Senate Bill 354 with you at any time, Mr. Fedor's accusations that the Committee has acted in a "corrupt, closed" legislative process is ridiculous.

My intention to introduce Senate Bill 354 was announced in a press release over three months ago, a copy of which Mr. Fedor received. The meeting to consider Senate Bill 354 was properly sunshined on April 12<sup>th</sup> – five days before the meeting. Information on Senate Bill 354 was also posted on the Committee's website. Yet neither PALCV nor any other group contacted the Committee to express interest in a public hearing or seeking to discuss the issue, choosing instead to ready their press releases for after the meeting.

I am hopeful members will see PALCV's claims for what they are: disingenuous cries designed to gather media attention.