



# Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

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To: All Republican Senators

From: Senator Mary Jo White, Chairman  
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Re: Pennfuture Correction

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Recently your office received a memo from Pennfuture urging the Senate to pass Special Session House Bill 11. This legislation would authorize a sales tax holiday for the purchase of energy efficient appliances.

The Pennfuture memo states that there is "Growing Greener Bond money" to pay for the program. This is incorrect. Under federal law, bond revenue may only be used for capital improvement expenses, not for reimbursement of the General Fund for lost sales tax revenue.

The language Pennfuture is actually advocating for is 27 Pa.C.S. §6104 (d.2). This provision authorizes the reduction of up to \$2.5 million annually in PENNVEST water and sewer grants from the traditional Growing Greener program, should Special Session HB 11 or similar legislation be enacted

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.