



# 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: PennEnvironment Scorecard

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Many of you may have seen the recent environmental scorecard released by PennEnvironment. The [scorecard and explanation of votes](#) is attached for your information.

Unfortunately, scorecards from environmental groups have too often been utilized to portray Republican candidates as “anti-environmental”. Votes are apparently selected to ensure that certain legislators are portrayed favorably; other important and critical votes are therefore ignored. You may wish to consider the following when reviewing this scorecard and responding to media and constituent inquiries.

The scorecard **excludes** the following environmental bills approved by the Senate:

<b>S.S. SB 1</b>	Invests \$650 million in alternative energy investment
<b>SB 2</b>	Invests \$800 million in water, wastewater, dam and flood projects
<b>SB 266</b>	Climate Change Action Plan (priority of PennEnvironment)
<b>SB 356</b>	Creating Center for Environmental Education in statute
<b>SB 949</b>	Comprehensive mine safety update
<b>SB 1100</b>	Extended funding for Hazardous Sites Cleanup Act
<b>SB 1330</b>	Coalbed Methane Dispute Resolution – additional protections for landowners
<b>SB 1341</b>	Authorizes referendum for \$400 million in PENNVEST grants and loans
<b>HB 1203</b>	Clarifies the solar share obligation of utilities under the AEPS act
<b>HB 1281</b>	Protects Appalachian Trail (priority on PennEnvironment’s website)
<b>HB 1705</b>	Great Lakes Compact (priority on PennEnvironment’s website)

The scorecard **includes** the following votes:

<b>S.S. HB 1</b>	House members were given credit for passage of the Alternative Energy Investment Act; Senate members were excluded despite passing both S.S. HB 1 and S.S. SB 1
<b>HB 1590</b>	Authorizes tolling of Interstate 80. Opposing tolling was regarded as “anti-environmental”
<b>Cabinet nominees</b> – to my knowledge, votes on cabinet nominees under Republican governors have never been included.	