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36 House Democrats Urge Governor To Stop Leasing State Forest For Gas Drilling

Rep. David Levdansky (D-Allegheny) led a group of 36 House Democrats this week to sign a letter to Gov. Rendell urging him not to lease additional State Forest lands for Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling.

The letter, written to the Governor in advance of his budget address on Tuesday, recommends that a natural gas severance tax instead be levied on the gas already being drilled, which would obviate the need for the leasing of additional state forest lands in order to raise revenue for the state.