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House Democrat Hearing On Severance Tax, Groups Urge Renewal Of Growing Greener

Witnesses testifying at a public hearing this week by Reps. Greg Vitali (D-Delaware) and Tim Briggs (D-Montgomery) said they support legislation that would tax Marcellus Shale natural gas drilling to help minimize cuts in next year's budget, fund the Growing Greener program and compensate municipalities impacted by drilling.

"A drilling tax needs to be part of the budget discussion this year because the Commonwealth is facing a \$4 billion deficit," said Rep. Vitali. "Pennsylvania is the only major natural gas producing state in the nation that does not have a severance tax or fee in place. It's time for Pennsylvanians to get some of the benefit."