

Talking Points for Jobs Hearing

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- Introduce yourself and explain what we do
- What can the state do to help create jobs?
 - Make it easier and less risky to expand by reforming permitting process – The Corbett administration has made some positive changes but more are needed.
 - Improve business climate by reducing business taxes sooner.
 - Invest in our workforce, it is our most important resource – training programs and education. Find a way to provide incentives to students to develop skills in specific areas... science and math, natural gas industry, etc.
 - Consider property tax reform.
 - Consider reinvigorating economic development marketing for the Commonwealth – We have lost our presence and other states are at the forefront
 - Offer incentive programs to attract new companies and help retain existing business
- What restrictions are preventing growth?
 - Permitting process –Our onerous and difficult permitting process discourages local expansions and makes us less competitive for companies seeking new locations. Some issues have been addressed but we can do more
 - DEP
 - Act 102's effect on Business Plan
 - Lowers yield – reduces value (re 150' Buffer).
 - Reduces "usability"
 - Makes pre-November 2010 subdivisions less efficient therefore discouraging the maximization of job-creation.
 - Too many places during the process where people/orgs without standing can interrupt the process.
 - PennDOT
 - Discourages business growth especially small business – Sometimes the cost of the required off-site improvements are more than the building
 - Taxes
 - Accelerate the phase out of Capital Stock and Franchise Tax
 - Accelerate the phase out of the Corporate Net Income Tax – be careful how we wipe out the Delaware Exemption... it could have a major impact on some of our larger job-intensive industries.