



Public Hearing: Powering Pennsylvania - An Affordable, Reliable Energy Future

The purpose of this hearing is to examine how Pennsylvania can leverage its abundant coal and natural gas resources to lower energy costs, strengthen grid reliability and protect consumers from rising utility bills.

September 14, 2026 | 1:00 p.m.

Hearing Overview

- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Welcome**
- **Opening Remarks**
 - Chairman David H. Rowe
 - State Representative Brian Rasel
- **Testimony from Invited Experts**
- **Member Discussion with Testifiers**
- **Closing Comments & Adjournment**

Testifiers

- **Matt Mackowiak**, Director, Government Affairs, Core Natural Resources
- **Patrick Henderson**, Vice President of Government Affairs & Communications, Marcellus Shale Coalition
- **John Otto**, Executive Director, Citizens Energy Council
- **Nick Kerin**, Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity - PA

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About the Testifiers



Matt Mackowiak

Matt Mackowiak serves as Director of Government Affairs for Core Natural Resources, where he focuses on public policy, government relations, and regulatory issues affecting the company and the energy industry. He brings experience in energy-sector advocacy and works on issues involving coal, energy production, electricity reliability, and the role of domestic energy resources. Mackowiak has represented the industry in discussions with policymakers and stakeholders at both the state and federal levels.



Patrick Henderson

Patrick Henderson has over 25 years of experience in the legislative and executive branches of Pennsylvania's government and has been with the Marcellus Shale Coalition (MSC) since 2015. Founded in 2008, MSC works with exploration and production, midstream, and supply chain partners in the Appalachian Basin and across the country to address issues regarding the production, transportation and use of clean, job-creating, American natural gas from the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays.



John Otto

John Otto serves as Executive Director of the Citizens Energy Council, where he advocates for Pennsylvania's energy industry and promotes policies supporting reliable, affordable domestic energy. A retired U.S. Marine and former law enforcement officer, Otto brings extensive experience in public service and community engagement to his work. He is active in discussions surrounding Pennsylvania's natural gas industry, energy policy, and the importance of maintaining a reliable energy supply.



Nick Kerin

Nick Kerin serves as Deputy State Director for Americans for Prosperity-Pennsylvania (AFP-PA), where he works with policymakers and grassroots activists to advance policies focused on economic opportunity, affordability, and individual freedom. He previously served as AFP-PA's Director of Grassroots Operations, overseeing the organization's grassroots efforts during the 2024 election cycle. Before joining AFP-PA, Kerin worked in Harrisburg advising and assisting members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. He is a graduate of Geneva College and holds a master's degree from Harvard University.

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