



# PHILADELPHIA

## FEDERATION of TEACHERS

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**FROM: JERRY T. JORDAN, PRESIDENT, PHILADELPHIA FEDERATION OF TEACHERS**

**RE: Support for a Tax on the Marcellus Shale**

**JULY 17, 2017**

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**The time for a tax on the Marcellus Shale is now.**

The PFT has long advocated for a severance tax. With the IFO's promising revenue estimates issued this spring coupled with the need to fund the FY 2017-18 budget package, it is incumbent upon the legislature to enact a severance tax now.

It is unacceptable that Pennsylvania remains the only state without a tax on natural gas extraction.

**The IFO projects in 2018-19, a modest 6.5% severance tax would generate \$712 Million in revenue. This would balloon to an estimated \$1.1 Billion in 2022.\* Taxing an industry flush with money simply makes sense.**

Schoolchildren across the Commonwealth are constitutionally entitled to a thorough and efficient public education. **We urge House and Senate leadership and members to enact the passage of a severance tax.**

\*Full IFO analysis:

[http://www.ifo.state.pa.us/download.cfm?file=/Resources/Documents/Revenue\\_Proposal\\_Analysis\\_April2017.pdf](http://www.ifo.state.pa.us/download.cfm?file=/Resources/Documents/Revenue_Proposal_Analysis_April2017.pdf)

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