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**To:** All Members of the House of Representatives  
**From:** Representative Garth Everett  
**Date:** 9/6/11  
**Re:** Legislation Co-Sponsorship

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I plan to soon introduce legislation amending the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act. This legislation is adapted from a law recently enacted by Texas state government. Specifically, the legislation I am proposing will require a well operator, utilizing hydraulic fracturing, to register their treatment information on the Groundwater Protection Council and Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's "*Frac Focus*" web site.

The well operator, in addition to registering on *Frac Focus* would be required to also provide this information to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) when submitting the well completion report. The department would be required to post this information on its Internet web site.

I am certain that you are familiar with the process of hydraulic fracturing and the issues and concerns that surround this technique. I recognize there is a degree of uncertainty surrounding this process shared by a number of individuals across this Commonwealth. It is my intent through this proposed legislation to utilize existing publicly accessible forums to provide more information about the specific make-up of these fluids. If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor, please contact Randy Donath at 787-5270 or via email at [rdonath@pahousegop.com](mailto:rdonath@pahousegop.com).