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Dear Governor Shapiro and Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly:

Today, on *Natural Gas and Oil Day* at the Pennsylvania Capitol, we are writing to you to underscore the value of Pennsylvania-produced natural gas and oil and urge you to continue championing policies that promote the development of these vital energy and economic resources.

Together, we represent a vast number of energy and service companies operating in Pennsylvania and the tens of thousands of workers they employ. Every day they safely produce and deliver affordable, reliable energy that helps power our daily lives and provides the necessary feedstock for essential items like clothing, cars, cell phones and critical medical supplies while embracing new technologies to reduce emissions and protect communities. Our message is simple: Let's build on this progress to ensure Pennsylvania continues to be an energy powerhouse.

Sitting atop the natural gas-rich Marcellus and Utica shale formations, Pennsylvania is the second-largest producer of natural gas in America. But it also has deep roots, dating back to the 1800s, as the birthplace of the modern petroleum industry.

Now, Pennsylvania is rapidly becoming a top destination for AI data centers and advanced technology. This presents a once-in-a-generation economic opportunity for Pennsylvania. It also presents immense opportunities for Pennsylvania's energy sector and workforce.

Look no further than Amazon's \$20 billion-plus investment in new state-of-the-art data center campuses across Pennsylvania, or the conversion of the former Homer City plant in Southwestern Pennsylvania into a large-scale data center campus powered by natural gas.

To help chart the course for a future where Pennsylvania energy thrives, policymakers must prioritize our resources, continue modernizing permitting processes to support critical projects, embrace sensible tax policies and ensure a level playing field for all sources of energy. Working together, we can accelerate economic growth and prosperity for Pennsylvanians and usher in a new era of energy leadership.

A pro-energy Harrisburg can help get the job done for Pennsylvania and help secure a brighter future for all. Let's continue to leverage our natural resources in a way that advances access to affordable, reliable energy, economic prosperity, environmental progress and national security.

Sincerely,

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