"Overview of Pennsylvania Energy Industry"

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Abstract: The state of Pennsylvania is energy-fuel rich with new deposits of natural gas, and the availability of inexpensive coal. Three large utilities operate and deliver energy to the state: PP&L, Exelon and PSE&G. In addition, the world’s largest grid operator PJM is located in a neighboring state. New York is launching their Reformed Energy Vision (REV) that plans to have more than 50% of its fuel sources from renewable resources—solar, wind, geothermal. Consequently, there is a high demand in Pennsylvania for an energy workforce and innovation to drive the energy economy. As a state representative and as a member of four House standing committees: Commerce, Environmental Resources & Energy, Insurance, and Labor & Industry, Ryan will cover energy issues in our State and the opportunities.

Bio: Ryan E. Mackenzie is a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and is in his fourth term representing the 134th Legislative District (parts of Berks and Lehigh Counties). For the 2017-18 legislative session, Ryan was selected to serve as deputy majority whip and deputy chair of the Majority Policy Committee.
As state Representative, Ryan serves as a member of four House standing committees: Commerce, Environmental Resources & Energy, Insurance, and Labor & Industry. Additionally, he has been appointed to represent the House on the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board and the Aggregate Advisory Board. Ryan is a strong advocate for what he sees as the most important issues facing Pennsylvania: creating jobs, protecting taxpayers, strengthening education, and reforming government. He has successfully passed legislation in these areas, and will continue to fight for these causes. Current legislation introduced by Ryan seeks to protect taxpayers from fraud committed by tax collectors, create more career awareness amongst high school and middle school students, modernize our state’s healthcare delivery system by updating treatment procedures for stroke victims, and reduce drug addiction by reforming prescribing guidelines in Pennsylvania’s workers’ compensation system.