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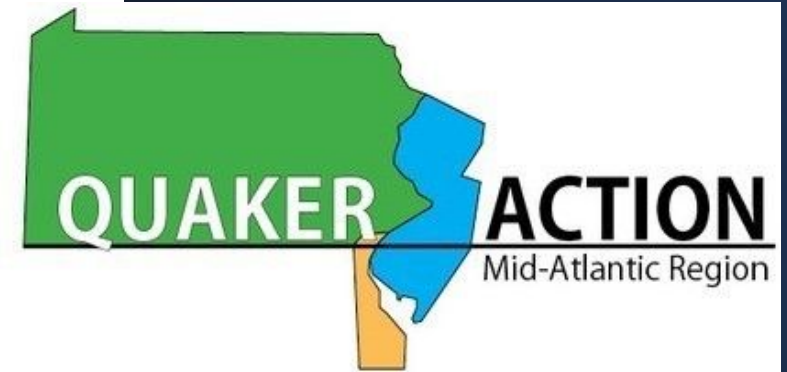
WHO: Quaker Action

- Quaker Action Mid-Atlantic Region (QAMAR) was formed as a 501c4 to advance the policy concern of f/Friends at the state and local level.
- Board includes Friends from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- Network includes f/Friends from across PA and extends to NJ and DE as well.
- To join us, visit <https://quakeract.org/contact>
- We need YOU!!



WHY?

- Philadelphia YM Friends have minuted concerns for climate action and to reduce gun violence, but legislative & policy change is key.
- QAMAR was formed as a 501c4 so that f/Friends could effectively lobby.
- Philadelphia YM leadership felt that the YM as a 501c3 could not.
- 501c4 orgs can accept non-tax-deductible donations to support lobbying.



WHY?

- Quakers have been effective change leaders historically
- Quakers trust one another in their discernment and leadings
- To live up to our commitment to Integrity, Friends have a shared responsibility to speak out on the pressing concerns of our time.



WHAT are the Priorities ?



Climate Crisis



Gun Violence



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Gov. Shapiro's Energy Plan: PRESS and PACER

“PA has fallen behind, PA is losing out to other states.”



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PA has fallen behind in Renewable Energy

Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard (AEPS)

20 years ago all PA electric utilities were required to purchase 8% renewable energy in their generation mix (portfolio) by May of 2021. Included in that 8% is 0.5% solar.

The AEPS currently has two Tiers:

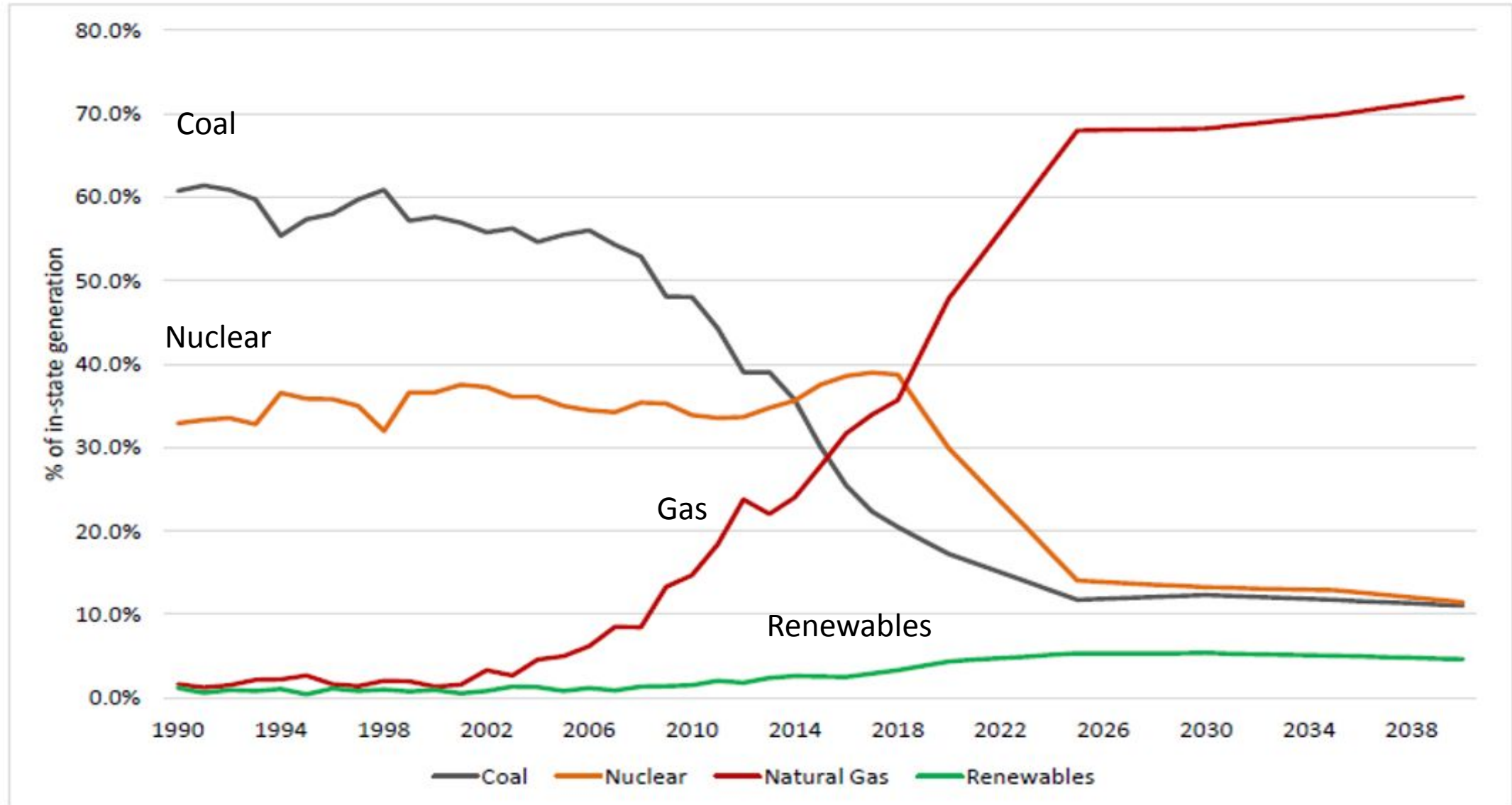
Tier 1 = Renewables: wind, hydro, solar = 8%

Tier 2 = Municipal Solid Waste (MSW),

Waste Coal, and others = 12%

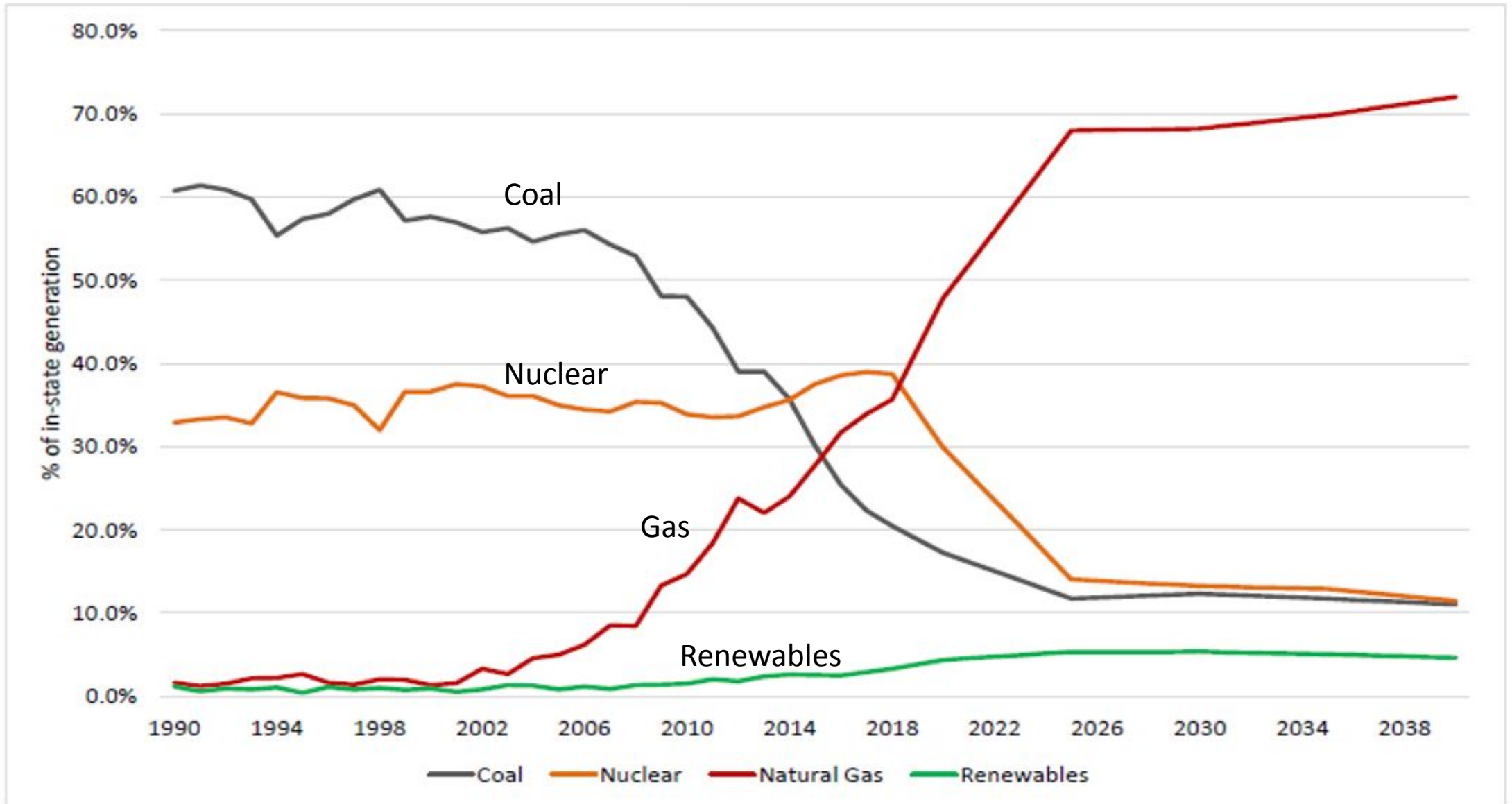


PA Generation Mix Forecast (Business as Usual (BAU))



Natural Resources Defense Council's power sector modeling.

Generation Mix Needed to reach 80% GHG Reduction by 2050 (not BAU)



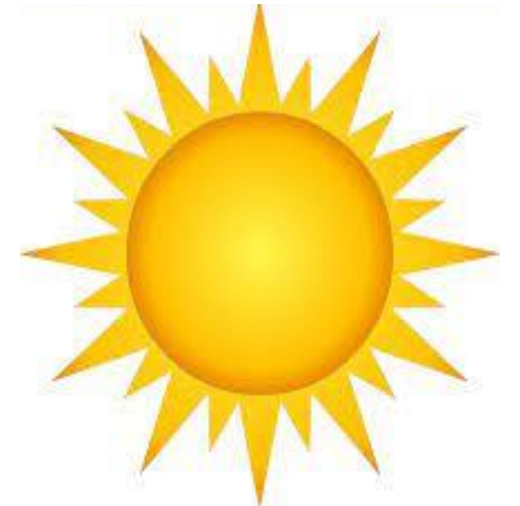
NOTE: The dotted lines are shown for illustrative purposes only. The NRC has extended most PA existing nuclear plants' lives by 20 years or more.

PRESS will expand the PA AEPS: 35% by 2035

PA Reliable Energy Sustainability Standard: Expands Tier 1, changes Tier 2 and adds Tier 3:

Tier I

1. Solar photovoltaic (PV) and solar thermal energy
2. Wind power
3. Low-impact hydropower
4. Geothermal energy
5. Small Modular Reactors (SMR)
6. Fusion energy
7. Coal mine fugitive emissions
8. Biologically derived fugitive emissions



PRESS Tier 2 = 10% (limited to in-state PA resources)

1. Non-solar distributed generation systems
2. Combined heat and power (cogeneration)
3. Demand-side management (e.g. energy efficiency and solar + storage)
4. Large-scale hydropower
5. Natural gas or coal using clean hydrogen (80%) co-fired blend or equivalent carbon intensity reduction technologies
6. Fuel cells
7. Biomass energy
8. 24-hour storage co-located with a Tier I resource
9. Tier I reliable energy sources (resources powering public schools receive double credits)

PRESS Tier 3 = 5% (limited to in-state resources)

1. Natural gas or coal using clean hydrogen (20%) co-fired blend or equivalent carbon intensity reduction technologies
2. Waste coal
3. Municipal solid waste
4. Integrated combined coal gasification technology
5. Generation of electricity utilizing by-products of the pulping process and wood manufacturing process, including bark, wood chips, sawdust and lignin in spent pulping liquors (aka "black liquor")
6. Tier I reliable energy sources

Benefits of PRESS: 35 x 35

- Economic Development 5.1 Billion new investment in PA
- Job Creation at least 15,000 new jobs
- Energy Diversification increases grid resiliency
- Farm and Land Preservation: Farmers lease land for solar & wind dev't. Preserves family farms and keeps land in agricultural use.
- Environmental Benefits
- Health Benefits
- Downward pressure on rates

PACER: PA Climate Emissions Reduction Initiative

- A PA based carbon cap and dividend/invest program
- DEP will set the cap and the price of carbon allowances
- Allowances will be tradable in the RGGI market
- Unlike Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), 70% of allowance revenue will be returned to customers as bill credit on your electric bill.
- 30% will be invested in energy efficiency programs, fund a year-round LIHEAP program, carbon capture and storage, clean hydrogen and other related programs, including environmental justice programs.

Bills have been Introduced

PACER

- * Sen. Comitta: SB 1191
- * Rep. Abney: HB 2275

PRESS

- * Sen. Santarsiero: SB 1190
- * Rep. Otten: HB 2277

First public hearing held on June 24 in the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

Political Analysis

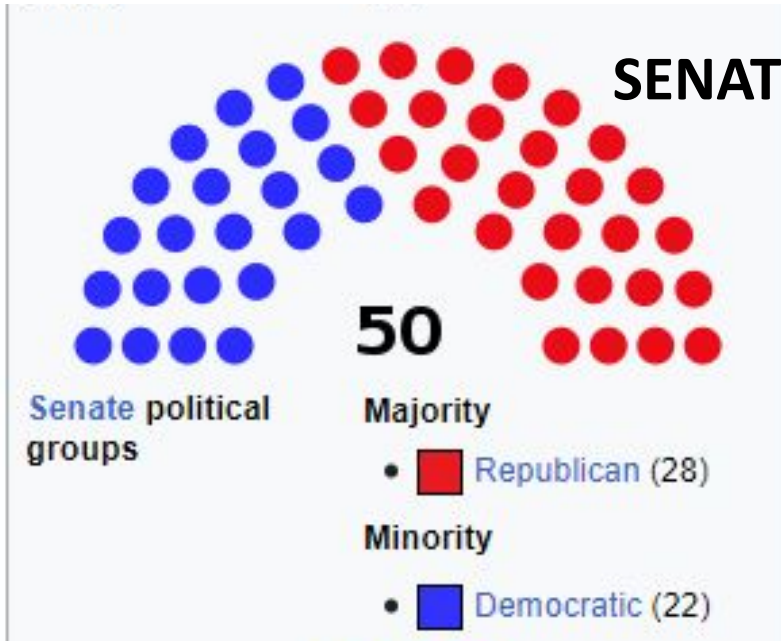
- Gov. Shapiro's Energy Plan has strong Labor support
- PA House of Representatives 102 D to 101 R
- Senate 22 D to 28 R
- Utilities

Path to Success

- Bills introduced: PRESS SB1190 and HB 2277
PACER SB1191 and HB 2275
- Public Hearings to be scheduled this summer.: First hearing on June 24 in House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee
- Get the bill passed in the House, then work for passage in the Senate
- If PACER or RGGI is implemented it will reduce GHGs
- If PRESS passes it will increase renewables.
- **We need both and we need them NOW**

PA Balance of Power

SENATE

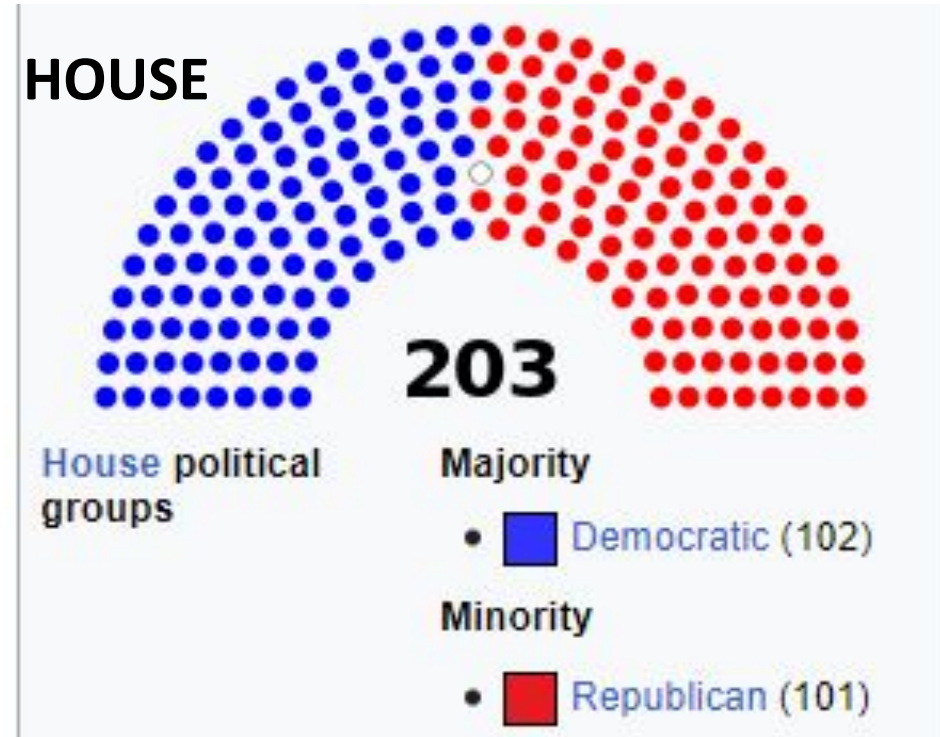


Kim Ward, Majority Leader



Gov. Josh Shapiro

HOUSE



Joanna McClinton, Speaker

How do we make PRESS a Reality?

1. Meet with your legislator. Ask them to cosponsor if they haven't already.
2. Testify at Public Hearings
3. **Vote Climate**

Find Your Legislator:

<https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/findyourlegislator/>

QAMAR Engagement

We engage our members via:

Webinars and Workshops

- Briefings
- Trainings

Action Network

- Emails
- Letter campaigns
- News updates

Website

- <https://www.quakeract.org/>

Facebook

- News updates and reminders
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61557393134086>

Urgent Action Request on RGGI

I urge you to appeal the recent Commonwealth Court decision that would prevent Pennsylvania from joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. RGGI is essential to curb carbon emissions, while simultaneously strengthening our state's economy, creating tens of thousands of family sustaining jobs, reducing energy burdens for low income and working poor, and providing public health benefits for all Pennsylvanians.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

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