

Meet and Consult Committee (MACC)

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April 12, 2011

Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin
Governor, State Capitol
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Governor Tomblin,

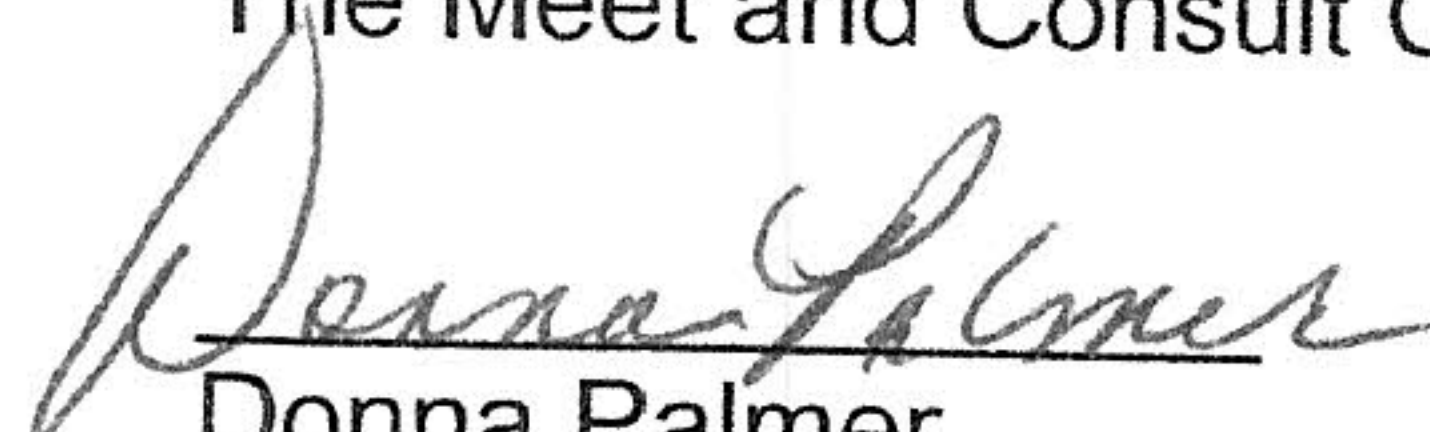
The members of the West Virginia Division of Highways Meet and Consult Committee have been discussing the Marcellus Shale Drilling that is taking place throughout our state. With the increased amount of drilling happening now in many of our counties, our roads are suffering major damage. While our state has been able to sustain a functional and fiscally sound government in these very tough economic times, we also have to look to the future for ways to help keep that momentum going forward.

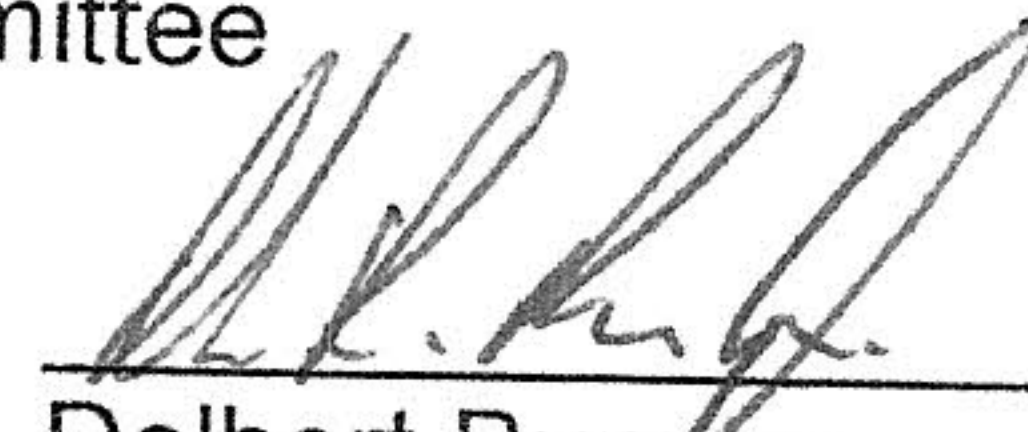
Funding for our highways is becoming increasingly difficult and we feel that this is an ideal time to introduce a production fee of an additional 2% on the tax of the Marcellus Shale Drilling and have those funds be ear-marked specifically for the Division of Highways for upkeep and infrastructure. These companies are pouring millions of dollars into equipment and operations to tap one of West Virginia's greatest assets and natural resources. Consequently, they are damaging and destroying a large percentage of our roads.

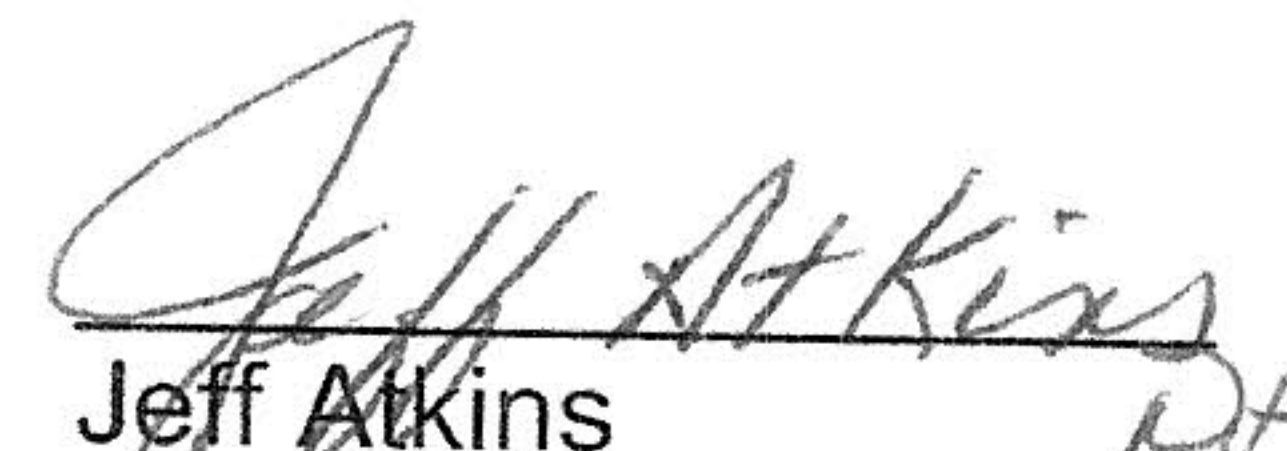
While we are fiscally solvent now, we will have to repair and even rebuild many of these roads. Rather than have all of the profits leave our beautiful state, we would like to be able to keep some of that revenue here to help rebuild the damage that this is causing. A number of our main highways are in deplorable condition and need constant patching to keep them safe for the traveling public.

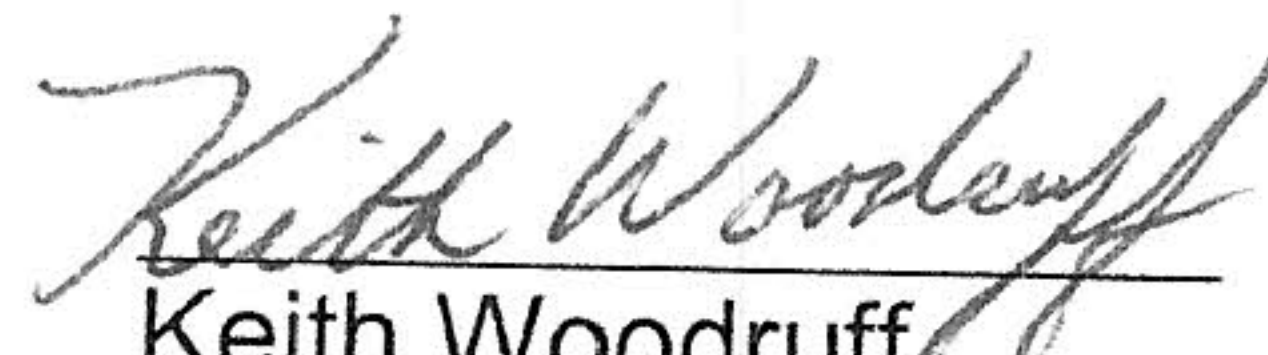
We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

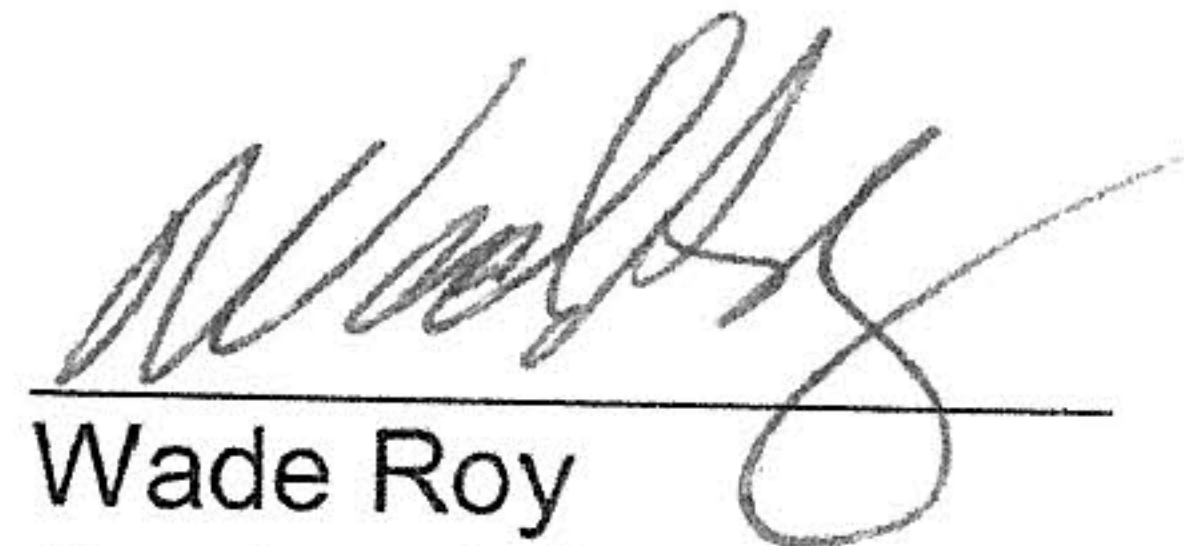
Respectfully,
The Meet and Consult Committee

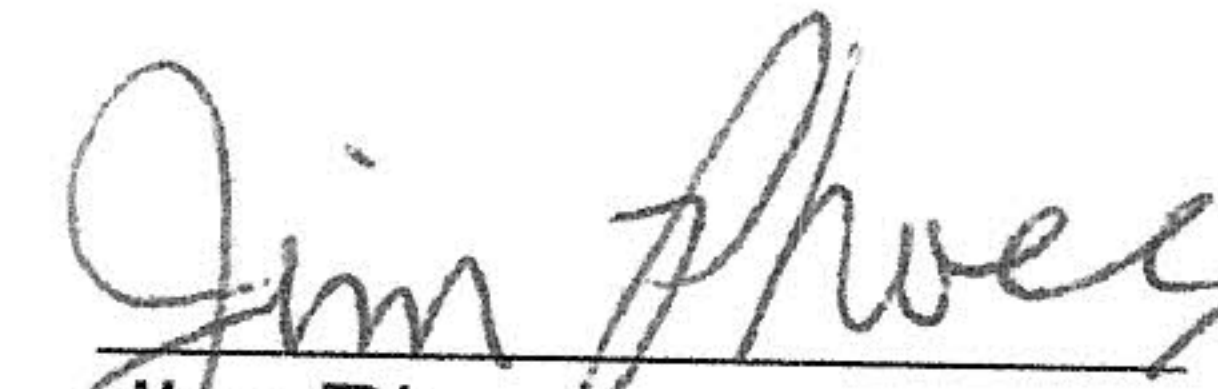

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