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35,000 Pennsylvania Mothers are Angry as Pennsylvania Lawmakers put Polluters before Kids

Harrisburg, PA – This week, both Republicans and Democrats continued the long-standing tradition of Pennsylvania leaders acting to protect the fossil fuel industry while ignoring the health and well-being of Pennsylvania’s children and putting their lives at risk.

The Pennsylvania Senate’s efforts to block both the Clean Power Plan and oil & gas regulations (Chapter 78) in addition to efforts in the Pennsylvania House to block Amendments to Chapter 78 have over 35,000 mothers across the Commonwealth up in arms and asking “why?”

“This weekend Rex Energy put up a large drill rig approximately ½ mile from where my two boys and 3,700 students attend school. Why would anyone in Harrisburg ignore the very real safety threats and health impacts that those students and thousands of kids in Pennsylvania experience every day from the natural gas industry. Why would anyone in Harrisburg not want to protect our children?” asks Patrice Tomcik from Gibsonia, PA.

“Pennsylvania families overwhelmingly support Governor Wolf and Secretary Quigley’s efforts to develop a Pennsylvania Clean Power Plan in a thoughtful and timely manner. As a mother of a child with asthma, development of a Pennsylvania Clean Power Plan will protect the health of my young daughter and the thousands of other children across the Commonwealth who suffer from asthma” says Gretchen Dahlkemper of Philadelphia.

Chapter 78 revisions and development of a Pennsylvania Clean Power Plan are vital to protect the health of Pennsylvania’s children and minimize the risk of natural gas extraction. Any efforts to block these public health standards should be rejected by any politician who truly cares about the children in our state.

Moms across the state urge the state legislature to stop putting polluters before our kids.

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Moms Clean Air Force is a community of moms and dads united against air pollution – including the urgent crisis of our changing climate – to protect our children’s health. We arm members with reliable information and solutions through online resources, articles, action tools and on-the-ground events. More here:

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