

BABER TO PRESENT FRACKING POSITION, VOWS TO PROTECT SURFACE OWNERS, ENVIRONMENT, AND TO GROW THE ECONOMY

On Monday July 11, 2011, Dr. Bob Henry Baber, the Mountain Party candidate for Governor, will hold a critical press conference at approximately 10:45 a.m. on the steps of the Capitol. At which time, he will specifically outline his plan for Marcellus Shale development in West Virginia. "It's high time we moved beyond 'concerned' rhetoric and hand-wringing and grapple with the challenges and opportunities that Marcellus Shale presents. My plan clearly addresses protection of private landowners, tourism, economic development, and the environment," Baber stated from his office in Glenville.

Key points included, but not limited to:

1. A total and permanent ban of fracking on surface owners (only) land unless they, or their lawful representative, expressly grant permission. Such permission can only be granted after consultation with independent lawyers and/or other experts. These consultations are to be paid for by the entity that wishes to "frack" on said land. *This is a measure to protect the most fragile of citizens (the elderly, the indigent and those who remain unaware of their rights.)*
2. A minimum environmental permitting fee of \$40,000 or 1% of the total cost of the well (whichever is greater) will be assessed per frack (the average well currently costs between 4-6 million). This fund will be used by the DEP to hire new inspectors at industry-competitive salaries. It will also be utilized to mitigate environmental damage. *Incidentally, this fee is only half of the 2% food tax West Virginians currently pay.*
3. Severance taxes on natural gas will increase to 7% + \$0.095 per MCF from the current low rates instituted in 1989. The increased excise tax revenues will be used exclusively for economic development & diversification, and education. *This increase is based on Oklahoma's model; Oklahoma is the #3 producer in the U.S.*
4. Complete transparency on a public permitting process not to be less than 60 days, on water sourcing, on waste-water disposal, and on the use of chemicals in the fracking process. The rivers and water impoundments of West Virginia must be pre-tested and protected from excessive "takings" and potential pollution.
5. No fracking will done within 1200 feet of a municipal water plant, a municipal water in-take valve, residences, commercial buildings, places of religious worship (e.g. churches), recognized historical sites, public parks, or cemeteries.
6. Comprehensive bonding mechanisms, and appropriate violation penalties, will be put in place to ensure environmental compliance. *The era of the "toothless dog" has ended.*

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To Whom It May Concern:

I, Tiffany Washington, am the National Press Director and Event Coordinator for the Campaign to Elect Bob Henry Baber for Governor of West Virginia. The document contained/attached is intended to act as notification of:

- Dr. Baber's 10:45AM appearance and speech on the steps of the Capitol in Charleston, WV on Monday, July 11, 2011
- Data points to be covered in his speech

This candidate is available for interviews on the issue of Marcellus Shale development and other pertinent issues at this time.

Please feel free to call on me for questions, comments, concerns or to schedule appointments/interviews with Candidate Baber: mstawashington@gmail.com or via telephone at 850.206.9982.

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Regards,
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