



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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HARRISBURG

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THE GOVERNOR

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 15 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill 275, Printer's Number 1163.

This legislation takes away local decision-making from municipalities by preempting local control on energy matters and choices. Specifically, the legislation would limit the tools available to local governments to address the global threat of climate change in future years and stands in the way of clean energy incentives and initiatives. As an additional matter, this bill is unnecessary as the Public Utility Commission currently regulates the provision of utility services in the commonwealth.

Further, the language of this bill is overly broad and sweeping, likely providing unintended impacts and additional litigation against municipalities across the commonwealth.

For the reasons set forth above, I must withhold my signature from Senate Bill 275, Printer's Number 1163.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Wolf".

TOM WOLF  
Governor