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Dear Sen. Yaw:

I write to you in your capacity as chair of the Senate Environmental Resources & Energy Committee. I am the editor of StateImpact Pennsylvania, a statewide public media collaboration that covers the state's energy economy. I wish to place the following information into the record of a hearing the committee held today about foreign influence on natural gas development in Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Shepstone offered testimony (<https://environmental.pasenategop.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/34/2018/09/shepstone.pdf>) that included the following:

The Heinz Endowments has funded one radical anti-gas initiative after another. It is behind the Southwest Pennsylvania Environmental Health Clinic, for example, which is a purely junk science outfit intended to generate anti-gas headlines. It has funded PennFuture, the Clean Air Council, the NRDC, the Delaware Riverkeeper and even the on-line journal StateImpactPA, which serves as an echo chamber for stories ginned up by the former.

Please enter into the record the following, attributable to Scott Blanchard, StateImpact Pennsylvania editor:

StateImpact Pennsylvania is an independent public media news collaboration that covers the state's energy economy. It receives funding in part from the Heinz Endowments. Neither Heinz, nor any of StateImpact Pennsylvania's other funders, nor any groups or organizations funded by the foundations Mr. Shepstone cites, have any say or influence over our news coverage.

Thank you very much. Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me in order to correct the record of Mr. Shepstone's testimony.

Sincerely,

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