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To all MCA/SCA Contractors,

Last week I was able to attend a function with several refinery executives. At the dinner I was asked to call my Senator to discuss a new energy tax that is being voted on shortly. I was handed a small flyer stating various facts and job losses that may develop due to the new tax. The bottom line is that this is a new tax directed at the oil and gas industry. This industry has been hit hard by the lack of demand for oil and gas due to the economic times we are all living with.

I called Senator Specter's office to explain the impact on the new tax for us locally. I explained that one of our local refineries has not been paying local contractors the new contract rate starting from last May. As we all know there is a new contract rate coming due this May. I was told that the Senator had not realized that there was such a problem in our area. I was told that the Senator would look into my concerns and thanked me for the call.

Many of us have never and may never be fortunate enough to work in one of our local refineries. The refinery work is a key component to our industry for many reasons. The refineries employ at least one third of our union members and that means one third of our pension & health/welfare benefits. The more the refineries do, the better off our industry is. For that reason I would request that we call the phone number on the flyer and express our concerns for any tax that may hurt the oil refineries. Pass this information on to your employees and have them make the call as well. It is time for us to get involved and the PAC committee would appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,  
Jim Gaffney  
PAC Chair

# ENERGY MEANS JOBS FOR PENNSYLVANIA

There are 1,487,850 jobs in Pennsylvania that are supported by the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

That's more than  
28% of all jobs in  
our state.

## New Taxes and Fees Hurt Jobs

Today, Congress is considering at least \$400 billion in new taxes and fees on the oil and natural gas industry. At a time when every industry is looking for ways to survive the economic downturn, Congress has decided to single out the energy industry for crippling tax hikes that will have devastating affects on millions of jobs throughout America.



Senator Specter has an important vote that can prevent this huge tax increase and lost jobs. Call him and urge him to stand up for Pennsylvania jobs!

### A snapshot of the jobs at risk with this massive tax hike

Industries supported by Energy Industry	Number of Employees in Pennsylvania	Percent of Total Workforce
Manufacturing	663,812	12.8%
Admin., Support, Waste Management & Remediation	306,181	5.9%
Construction	257,300	5.0%
Transportation/Warehousing	208,113	4.0%
Utilities	31,475	.6%
Others	20,969	.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,487,850</b>	<b>28.7%</b>

**CALL SENATOR SPECTER**

**AT 717-782-3951 AND TELL HIM  
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO RISK**

**1,487,850**

**PENNSYLVANIA JOBS**

