

Ohio House of Representatives



Hon. Mike DeWine  
Attorney General of Ohio  
30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

April 19, 2011

Dear Attorney General DeWine:

Enclosed please find a document forwarded to me by a concerned constituent. This document is allegedly an oil & gas exploration company's agent's instruction guide on how to get Ohio landowners to sign leases. The document was accidently left in the driveway of a landowner near Yellow Springs, Ohio. The document has not yet been authenticated but it suggests that wide spread fraud may have been employed by company "landmen" to deceive Ohio citizens into signing leases. This document causes us great concern and apprehension over the possibility of a pattern of corrupt activity and actual fraud in the leasing of landowner oil & gas rights in Ohio. The document highlights practices that are questionable at best and outright misleading on material issues of fact and law.

Because of our grave concern for the rights of Ohio consumers, we are asking your office to investigate this document and the extent to which fraud has been used to induce Ohio landowners to sign oil & gas leases.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Representative Teresa Fedor.

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Handwritten signature of Representative Dennis Murray.

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Handwritten signature of Representative Mark Okey.

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