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News From Around PA
John Quigley, a longtime environmental advocate, resigned as Secretary of the Department of Environmental Protection days after a private email he wrote to advocacy groups became public. In it he expressed frustration about delays both in updates he wanted in the state's oil and gas drilling regulations, as well as in plans for clean air regulation changes. His departure came as Wolf was examining whether this compromised his objectivity.

Ambler Borough in Montco unanimously adopted an "anti-discrimination" ordinance which includes "sexual orientation and gender identity" and establishes a human relations commission.

On May 2nd HB 1640, which would provide for the display of the National Motto In God We Trust and the Bill of Rights passed in the State House by a 179-20 vote. The twenty were all Democrats!

Attorney General Kathleen Kane's driver continues receiving his $99,658 salary (along with $62,000 in benefits) despite being sentenced to 3-6 months in prison for criminal contempt!

News from National Scene
In response to the May 13th bathroom edict, a group of 25 Republican senators sent a letter to the Obama administration saying it cannot tell the nation's 100,000 public schools how they must answer the question of which bathrooms, locker rooms and showers transgender students may use. Neither Senator Casey nor Toomey signed the letter.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission sued Deluxe Financial Services, a Minnesota-based company that helps small businesses with marketing. They were accused of sex discrimination and harassment after a male employee — who announced he was switching genders was barred from using the women's restroom and was referred to with male pronouns by his coworkers. The company agreed to settle the case for $115,000 in order to avoid further costs of litigation.

A female security guard has been arrested and faces being charged with a potential hate crime for removing a biological male from a women's restroom in the nation's capital.

The University of Tennessee has been forced to temporarily shut its diversity office after it lost state funding for encouraging the use of gender-neutral pronouns and holding a "Sex Week" on campus.

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