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In need of critical thinking

Sen. Yaw's June 13 column on this paper's Editorial Page describes Pennsylvania's energy and power production — mainly by the natural gas industry — as key to the state's future. He claims it will give us time to develop environmentally friendly sources of energy. That argument has been touted by Exxon and others to prioritize profits. It is what energy giants have been doing for the past 40 years. We have had four decades to swallow that argument — *"that it can wait"* — always pushing off in the future the electrically powered, renewable energy economy science tells us we cannot put off.

But we are at a crisis. The initiative and investment must be in energy production that does not add more greenhouse gasses, primarily CO₂ and methane, into the atmosphere. Sen. Yaw espouses the fossil fuel industry line *"saving environmental protection can wait."*

Sen, Yaw, please rise to this moment in history. We need a chairman of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee who thinks criticality rather than following Texas State Geologist Scott Tinker's lead on the biggest problem of our time.

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