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**Ohio Oil and Gas Association:  
Statement About Morrison V. Beck Energy Court Ruling**

**From Shawn Bennett, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association:**

We commend Ohio's Supreme Court for its decision in Morrison V. Beck Energy today, which upholds state law concerning local government control over oil and gas activities. The court's ruling affirmed that municipalities are prohibited from instituting rules and regulations that would discriminate against, unfairly impede or obstruct oil and gas activities that the state has permitted.

We strongly believe that oil and gas development is a matter of statewide interest and should be managed by professionals with the expertise to adequately regulate and oversee the industry.

**About the Ohio Oil and Gas Association**

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association is a trade association with more than 3,100 members involved in the exploration, production and development of crude oil and natural gas resources within the state of Ohio. For more information, visit [www.ooga.org](http://www.ooga.org).