**ReImagine Appalachia – Report for Green Sanctuary Committee (December 19, 2021)**

As a follow-up to my presentation to the Washington County Commissioners, I sent President Kevin Ritter a copy of the talking points that Rebecca Phillips and I used (previously sent to GSC last month) in our presentation on the ReImagine Appalachia Resolution at the City Council. I asked him if there is any room for common ground with him on the statements in the resolution. Mr. Ritter sent a message back to me saying, ”There is no majority support for this resolution-happy holidays.” In light of Ted Auch’s points about how the oil/gas business, especially injection wells, provides little economic benefit to our region, I am thinking about approaching this in some other way. Mr. Ritter is sensitive to the point that many of the jobs and profits from the oil/gas industry are going to interests outside the county. I would welcome any advice about how to present this position and build on some common ground on the issue of economy and jobs.

I have sent Marietta City Council President Susan Vessels at least two messages asking for follow-up on the presentation that Rebecca Phillips and I did on the Resolution with the Council on October 21. I sent a written copy of the talking points that Rebecca and I used in our presentation and asked if Council was going to refer the Resolution to any committee or take a vote on it. She has not responded to any of my messages. I asked Councilman Geoff Schenkel (FUUSM member) to give me a call so that I can ask his advice about how to deal with Ms. Vessels. He has not yet returned my call.

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