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Robert Sugarman, Henry Rowan join PennFuture, launch *PennFuture Center for Grassroots' Support*

Harrisburg, PA (February 14, 2008) John Hanger, president and CEO of Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture) announced today that noted environmental and civil rights lawyer Robert Sugarman, and Henry Rowan, Executive Director of the Institute of Community Preservation and member of the Buckingham Township Board of Supervisors, have joined PennFuture to create the *PennFuture Center for Grassroots' Support*.

"We are honored to welcome Bob Sugarman and Henry Rowan, who have agreed to devote their remarkable talents and excellent national reputations to help PennFuture expand our legal and advocacy support for citizens and public interest organizations across the state," said Hanger. "Their work will greatly enhance our ability to protect and promote Pennsylvania's environment and economy."

"This is a truly exciting time, and I am eager to bring our knowledge and PennFuture's resources together to serve our citizens across the state," said Sugarman, who is closing his litigation practice to devote his time to make the PennFuture Center for Grassroots' Support a reality. "Our success will be measured by the sense that people will no longer lose simply because they do not have the time, resources, or sophistication to advance their cause. My greatest hope is that the Center will give Pennsylvanians the ability to more effectively participate in government, which will be more responsive as a result."

"PennFuture is an incredible organization, and our new Center will make a real difference," said Rowan. "Working with grassroots groups across the state, we are determined to win real, concrete improvements in people's lives; make people aware of the power they possess and its potential; and alter the existing relationship of power. We are both very excited to be part of PennFuture in this trailblazing work."

PennFuture, which is about to mark the tenth anniversary of the organization's founding, is a statewide public interest membership organization that advances policies to protect and improve the state's environment and economy. With offices in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and West Chester, PennFuture's activities include litigating cases before regulatory bodies and in local, state and federal courts, advocating and advancing legislative action on a state and federal level, public education and assisting citizens in public advocacy.

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