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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).

Commenter Information:

Rep. Carol Hill-Evans
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Comments entered:

I support RGGI for three important reasons. It has the potential to improve air quality, and thus improve the quality of life in York and central Pennsylvania. It has the potential to create jobs for Pennsylvanians at a time when people are desperate to return to work. And it has the potential to lower electricity rates in the state when many of our residents are struggling to make ends meet.

Improving air quality in Pennsylvania could decrease hospitalizations. The pollutants RGGI aims to reduce have been linked to respiratory illnesses, heart attack, stroke, cancer, and mental health problems. This initiative is also projected to create more than 20,000 jobs, allowing us to take a proactive step by helping our environment and our economy. And as we have seen in other RGGI states -- where electricity rates have dropped by 5.7% -- this initiative has the potential to help citizens keep more of their hard-earned money.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rep Carol Hill-Evans
State Representative

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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