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

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Comments entered:

I write today on behalf of the Bloomsburg Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby to endorse Pennsylvania's proposed enrollment in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Given the extreme threat that climate changes poses to our environment, our health, our economy, and our overall livelihood, it is vital that we act as quickly and carefully as possible to mitigate our greenhouse gas emissions at all levels.

Though critics have objected to this and similar initiatives on grounds that they may place constraints on certain industries and therefore hamper economic growth, we observe that this objection would only make sense in a world in which inaction allowed life to proceed as normal. Unfortunately, we do not live in such a world. We argue, with support from a strong scientific consensus, that inaction will prove irreparably destructive to the economies of both the Commonwealth and the nation, not in a matter of centuries, but in a matter of decades. Far from being a drag on economic life, mitigation efforts like RGGI provide the only realistic hope of saving it over the medium- and long-term.

The other members of the RGGI have already proven their commitment to this effort, and can count themselves among those actively working to solve the most important problem of our time. Pennsylvania should join them as soon as possible.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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