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Re: eComment System

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:

My name is Jo Resciniti. I live in West Deer Township, Allegheny County. I'm speaking today in support of Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative as soon as possible.

My daughter was instrumental in helping me write this statement. She'll be sixteen in a couple of months and most days when she's done with school, we take a walk in our neighborhood. On one of our walks I told her that I signed up to testify today and explained RGGI to her. I said I didn't know what I was going to say about it and she said, "you could talk about how air pollution makes you feel terrible." That is why I support RGGI.

For the past eleven years, we've lived in West Deer. I saw a real live eagle in the wild here, a sure sign of an improving environment, for the first time in my life, but I've also noticed less clear blue sky days. Sometimes there's a brown haze. Last Christmas Eve there was a temperature inversion with fog so thick it was a scary drive home from our family's holiday

dinner. And knowing this area's history with the Donora Death Fog, I worried about what was in the air that night.

My home isn't particularly close to any major pollution source. The Springdale Power Plant is about eight miles away, but pollution is impacting my life. My seasonal allergies aren't seasonal anymore. I end most days with a sinus headache and itchy, watery eyes. I stopped looking at the air quality reports because I thought maybe I had a touch of hypochondria. I always feel worse on air quality action days. But it doesn't matter if I see the air quality numbers. My sinuses can tell. Air pollution is known to worsen allergies and act as an irritant that causes the symptoms I experience regularly.

This is why I've started to lust after clean air. I've been researching other places in the country where my family could live. Places that aren't consistently listed as having the worst air in the country like Allegheny County. When this hearing about RGGI was announced, I did some research on the initiative and found that all of the states I've been daydreaming about (Vermont, Maine, New York) are RGGI states. These places have better renewable energy options, rebates for home solar panels. RGGI states prioritize clean air and climate action.

I look at Pennsylvania joining RGGI not as a solution to our air quality problems but as an important first step. It's a way to show residents that the commonwealth is going to prioritize healthy clean air so my family can plan for a future right here. RGGI is a path forward to clean air and reduced climate impact that Pennsylvania should take as soon as possible.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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