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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:

Sandra Hilbert (hilbert@reagan.com)

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Comments entered:

To Whom it May Concern:

I am against the proposal to have Pennsylvania join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As the first mandatory cap-and-trade Program in the United States, and a cooperative effort among the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia, I believe it is imperative that the program be studied extensively, to include real-time short-term and long-term results, before Pennsylvania considers participation in RGGI.

The resulting carbon tax on employers could cost jobs, that have already been dramatically reduced due to recent shutdowns throughout Pennsylvania.

The State Department of Environmental Protection must first provide in-depth research about RGGI to Pennsylvania's General Assembly, and allow the people's Senators and Representatives to decide if Pennsylvania will participate based on constituents' input.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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