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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:

Hello, my name is David Gunyuzlu and I am a resident of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. I am speaking today as a private citizen in support of Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I believe that it is important for us to take this action now to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and to prevent further climate change.

We know that continuing to burn fossil fuels is having a negative effect on our planet. Science has predicted what will happen and we are already witnessing these effects: more intense storms, worsening wild fires, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and loss of our coral reefs, to name a few. Not to mention how the polluting of our air, water, and soil, caused by the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, can negatively effect our health, our tourism, and our agriculture industries.

Fossil fuel companies have been allowed to externalize their environmental costs for too long.

We cannot continue to damage our environment and our health for short term financial gains. It is not fair to future generations and to the many other species that live on this planet.

Making changes can be uncomfortable, but we have done it before. Banning the use of DDT, removing lead from gasoline, and eliminating the use of CFCs. These changes were made because they were necessary to prevent environmental damage and to prevent negative health effect to ourselves and to future generations. We are in a similar situation today. We cannot afford to ignore climate change and hope that the next generation fixes this problem for us.

It is also clear that there is increased support for developing renewable energy globally. In 2019, The Pew Research Center found that 77% of adults in the US supported pursuing renewable energy over increasing the production of fossil fuels. International treaties, such as the Paris Agreement, also indicate the global trend.

Pennsylvania should take this opportunity to invest in the renewable energy industry rather than continuing to support an industry that we know is unsustainable. It is not only important for our environment and our health, but also for the long term stability of our economy.

Pennsylvania should take this step now to start on a path to reduce fossil fuel use and prevent further climate change.

This is why I support Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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