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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:

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Comments entered:

Good Evening and thank you for letting me participate in this very important hearing. My name is Desiree Carbone and I am a recent resident of Pittsburg, moving from Connecticut two and a half years ago. I live in the Regent Square area, on a very busy avenue, next to the Interstate 376 entrance and can hear the freight trains as they frequently run by day and night. Being in the middle of this high volume traffic has sadly brought to my attention the chronic air pollution Allegheny County and the State of Pennsylvania are facing. It has become common place for me to check the air quality on a daily basis and constantly clean the soot that accumulates in my apartment and the white vehicle I drive.

I have major concerns for all residents of Pittsburgh when it comes to their health and wellbeing. All upper respiratory illnesses in children and adults are associated with a direct result and subject to poor air quality and air pollution. And let us not forget the COVID 19 pandemic and it's long term effects which is only exacerbating the respiratory health problems my community

was already facing. During the month of November we had several days of alarming air quality and averaging in the high moderate range. This unacceptable air pollution has caused me to develop inner ear fluid that has lasted several weeks and is still not completely cleared. I also had an inner ear illness in late December, 2019 which turned into a 2 month recovery. This health hazard must not continue.

It is in the best interest for Allegheny County for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to support this model carbon rule being proposed and Governor Wolf in his efforts for Pennsylvania to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, known as RGGI, along with several other surrounding states. By joining RGGI, Pennsylvania can lower air pollution while helping us raise billions in revenue to invest in the clean energy transition. This planet does not belong to one person, one industry, one state, one country or one generation. We must take responsibility for our actions and work together to curb air pollution that has devastating effects on our health, our environment and our climate. The time is now for our economy to move forward into a healthy and thriving future by supporting and encouraging clean and sustainable energy alternatives. Giving innovation in these areas the opportunity to excel and compete will help our economy, create jobs and lower our carbon footprint.

Taking this bipartisan approach, we can create a 2020 "Miracle", my favorite movie, to guarantee the right to clean air, pure water and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment. Let us all, once again, be able to open our windows on beautiful days without the threat of illness.

Thank you again for the opportunity to be heard. I do hope I made a difference.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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