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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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As part of the public comment period, I am writing to voice my support as a resident of Pennsylvania for the state to join the RGGI. A changing climate is one of the greatest threats we currently face. As we already begin to see the effects here in Pennsylvania, like stronger storms and more flooding, inaction will only put our children and future generations at risk.

Pennsylvania is the fourth largest carbon polluter in the country, so joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a bipartisan effort that limits carbon pollution coming from power plants, is necessary if we plan on doing our part to curb the effects of a changing climate.

The benefits of creating a program consistent with RGGI would be tremendous. This carbon pollution control program can reduce harmful climate-changing CO2 emissions, protect public health, and, together with a commitment to investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, position Pennsylvania as a leader in the growing clean energy economy.

Not to mention, Pennsylvanians are ready to cut carbon pollution NOW. Two recent polls show that 79% of Pennsylvanians support placing a limit on carbon pollution from power plants, and support lawmakers who will take action to combat climate change. There is an opportunity now for Pennsylvanians to submit public comment in support of the state's RGGI plan. I urge everyone who wants a healthier Pennsylvania to speak out now.

The world is changing rapidly. We can make sure Pennsylvania does it's part in protecting our future generations by linking with the successful RGGI program.

Regards,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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