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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:

My name is Joe Schreiber. I am speaking today as a concerned citizen and on behalf of my three beautiful daughters and all of the other beautiful sons and daughters in our state. I am desperately worried for their futures, and I am embarrassed and ashamed that my generation has done so little to address the climate crisis. Instead of following the science and listening to the experts, we have been making choices and implementing policies that are primarily driven by the narrow self-interests and financial needs of the fossil fuel industries. This climate crisis continues to worsen, and unless we rapidly change course, we will be passing on to our children a state, a country, and a planet that is even more polluted, hotter, and unstable than it is today. We will also be passing on to our children the huge costs that will be necessary to address this crisis, while we cynically enjoy the benefits of our short term and short-sighted greed. As you know, specifically for Pennsylvania this means our children will have to deal with and pay for the devastating effects of extreme heat waves, dangerous flooding, landslides, agricultural losses, and cleaning up all of the messes we are leaving behind.

We have to be better than this. One small step in a positive direction is for Pennsylvania to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Joining with other states to gradually reduce the amount of carbon we are sending into the air, reducing the pollution in the air that we all have to breathe and in the water that we all have to drink, and requiring polluters to pay for the mess they are creating are all absolutely necessary to move us away from fossil fuels and toward a cleaner, healthier, and happier future for my daughters and for all of the younger generations to come. Our state has been a leader in so many areas over the history of our country. Now it is our time to be a leader in addressing the climate crisis by joining the RGGI. To do otherwise is to continue to fail our children. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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