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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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To: Environmental Quality Board, DEP

Dear Leaders,

Thank you for listening to ordinary people like me from across the state about the energy future that we want and need. I am the mother of five children in a multi-racial family and I know that all any parent wants is a good life for themselves and for their kids, whether the family is Black, Brown, or White, rich, poor or in-between, residents of a city, a suburb or a farm. In order to build the lives we want to live, we all need a stable climate. Therefore I am a strong supporter of RGGI because this plan can reign in the unbridled burning of fossil fuel that is destroying the possibility of healthy lives on a healthy planet.

I also want to say that RGGI must have strong equity features so that the least powerful people are not overlooked as it goes into effect. Simply reducing carbon across ten states is not enough to repair the harm that has already been done to Black, Brown and low-income communities in Pennsylvania. Our cap and invest market needs specific standards for repairing harm, monitoring site-based outcomes, loopholes and corporate evaders, and shepherding everyone, inclusively, into a renewable energy economy, including those who were excluded from the fossil fuel economy. Both community Visions and RGGI Results need to be studied and shared

transparently. There must be power and flexibility in the hands of decision makers to alter the plan to meet goals of equitable outcomes.

My 24 year old son is a full-time solar panel installer. As a Latino young man who faces all the challenges of finding work, he now has this good-paying job with health benefits and a pathway of development. RGGI will create funds to invest in the kind of infrastructure that creates these good green jobs. During this transition, the voices of people most damaged by the fossil fuel economy must have a large voice in shaping its transformation.

No part of our human community can be sacrificed because we are too interconnected in a web of life that depends on each other and on this earth for sustenance. The fossil fuel economy allowed for some places and some people not to matter. With the right equity features RGGI can be part of a fair transition from that dirty and dangerous economy to an inclusive and regenerative economy that will help my own children, and everyone's children, thrive.

I look forward to hearing more about the exciting development of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative in our state.

Thank you for listening.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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