

Lewisburg Friends Meeting



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Dear Environmental Quality Board Representatives,

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Lewisburg Friends Meeting (Quaker), located in Lewisburg, PA. As concerned citizens, who value stewardship of the Earth, we strongly support of the joining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Research shows that Pennsylvania's electricity generating units (EGUs) rank 4th highest among CO₂ emitting EGUs in our country (Commonwealth's Environmental Quality Board). The serious problems resulting from CO₂ and other greenhouse gases are shared by all, and this global challenge requires regional cooperation. Currently, the RGGI involves 10 northeastern states in a joint effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using a proven market-based program. The Lewisburg Quaker Meeting respectfully and mindfully requests that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania join these states in this important effort by becoming a member of RGGI.

One of the testimonies of Quakerism (Religious Society of Friends) is Stewardship: Care for the Earth and its inhabitants. Quakers strive to use God's gifts wisely, with gifts conceived in the broadest of terms. These gifts include our natural environment, and we believe that such gifts are not ours alone. To Quakers, good stewardship means taking care of what has been given, not just for ourselves, but for the people around us and for future generations as well. The joining of RGGI aligns with these beliefs and the Lewisburg Friends Meeting is registering our support for this important endeavor.

Respectfully,

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