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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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Comments entered:

I grew up in Claymont, Delaware just south of the Marcus Hook Refinery and downwind from industrial Philadelphia. I lived in the Lehigh Valley, not far from the Northampton County Cement Plant and Bethlehem Steel. I also lived in Pottsville, Schuylkill County. I have seen and experienced first-hand the effects of pollution on me, my family, and my neighbors. Chronic congestion and coughing accompany us all, cancer and mental disabilities in the coal regions; folks not able to really work and be on their own in Pottsville. I have taught children who increasing have contracted asthma.

I believe that RGGI is one solution that can put us all on track for an increasingly sustainable future in an environment that is increasingly dangerous and catastrophic. I also will insert here that something needs to be done about the release of methane gas into our atmosphere, which is more dangerous than CO2. The experts which have testified have many more statistics to attest to this..

RGGI is a sensible way for industry and energy companies to work together to mitigate a

dangerous situation. I have confidence in the expertise which can help employees retrain and retool for a sustainable job without loss of employment. AS a matter of fact, the funds that are recouped from RGGI can be used for that very purpose. The energy industry and manufacturing industry are financially well equipped to change their track. The purpose of industry, the state, and citizens is to create a healthy, sustainable citizenry. After all to health and well-being of all is what we should be about.

Also to say, that, as noted in the beginning of my testimony, what happens in one area of the region affects other areas. We need to be concerned about our neighbors and the kind of legacy we, in Pennsylvania, will leave to our future generations and to the good of our country.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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