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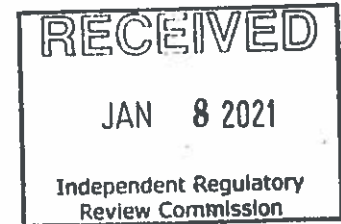
Good Afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP has received regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559), labeled "Form Letter 5: Move PA Forward" (IRRC Form Letter E).

As an update, we have received **2,205** copies of this letter via email to date.

Thank you,  
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## **FORM LETTER 5: “Move PA Forward on Clean Energy”**

**Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559)**

I’m writing to you today to proudly voice my support for Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

The ongoing pandemic has taught us just how important healthy lungs are. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is the country’s fourth-largest producer of carbon emissions, and all that air pollution chips away at our lung health and puts residents at even greater risk of respiratory illnesses like the coronavirus.

That’s particularly true for communities that are unfairly and disproportionately exposed to higher levels of air pollution over their lifetimes.

Everyone agrees that Pennsylvania needs to clean up the air. Joining RGGI would be a good first step.

RGGI is a market-based program that has helped our neighbors in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware slash carbon emissions in half. But RGGI offers benefits beyond clean air alone.

Here are other ways our neighboring RGGI states are benefiting from RGGI:

- Improved air quality and public health
- Carbon emissions cut in half
- Stable electricity prices
- Thousands of new clean energy jobs
- Stronger economies

Nearly a decade of research proves that joining RGGI would be good for Pennsylvania’s environment, public health, AND economy.

The longer Pennsylvania waits to join RGGI, the further we will fall behind other states in our region that are already moving forward on clean energy.

That’s why I’m urging you to move Pennsylvania forward on clean energy by entering our Commonwealth into RGGI.