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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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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today in support of RGGI. The Proposed Rulemaking deserves every Pennsylvanian's support because it will help reduce air pollution, improve public health, and begin to address the problem of global warming brought on by CO2 emissions from sources in Pennsylvania. The proposed rulemaking would require that Pennsylvania's budgeted CO2 emissions fall from about 78 million tons of CO2 in 2022 to approximately 58 million tons in 2030 – a drop of about 31 percent. The EQB projects that during that same period, the program would reduce emissions of smog-forming oxides of nitrogen in Pennsylvania by 112,000 tons, and reduce sulfur dioxide emissions by 67,000 tons. Pennsylvania has an opportunity to take real action on reducing air pollution through this program and we need to seize it.

As a resident of Pittsburgh, with a young child, I am particularly aware of the necessity of acting sooner rather than later to reduce air pollution. My son is at greater risk of many respiratory and cardiovascular issues because he is growing up in a city with some of the worst air in the country, as are his parents. An investment in clean air is an investment in Pennsylvania's children, and the health of our people. Just as my husband, who grew up in Pittsburgh in the 70's and 80's, talks about the incredible difference in the air between his childhood and now, I want our own child to also marvel at the lack of smoggy days in our city in 2030, and be astounded that we could have ever let the air be so bad.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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