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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:

Dear Environmental Quality Board Representatives,

As a concerned citizen who belongs to Haverford Friends (Quaker) Meeting and values stewardship of the Earth, I strongly support 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. I respectfully and mindfully request 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 I support this important endeavor.

Respectfully,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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