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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 DEP Regulatory Comments,

Cap and trade programs like RGGI are the only mechanism by which capitalists industries and democratic governments have ever successfully cooperated to reduce pollution and other forms of harm that commercial activity does to the environment, and so indirectly the public, the health of communities and families.

Although legislating human rights for entities such as an ocean, forest, lake, wildlife or atmosphere is having some success!

In the meantime, yes please let's get PA participating in a responsible carbon credit trading market to (hopefully, ideally) fund real impartial regulation by regulators and agencies who have no other agenda or motivations than to actually preserve, protect and defend the ecological health of the planet that PA resides on, and has so far done so much to poison, primarily. It's clear that from a historical perspective, the PA DEP of this era will probably be remembered mostly for its having been totally cooped and controlled by the private oil and gas interests that exploited all of our natural gas resources, polluted out aquifers with methane, dumped and spilled more fracking fluid than the rest of the world has ever seen, and not even properly taxed the extraction of this most lucrative fossil fuel to inure any benefit to the people of Pennsylvania

who they were stealing it from.

But still, yes, it will make a nice footnote to this chapter in our history to tell our grandchildren that after the discovery in PA of the world's largest natural gas reserves, our generation of thought leaders and gentlemen responded by standing watch as private companies plundered it, flooded the world energy market and with cheap oil and gas for a decade, prevented renewable energy sources like wind and solar from achieving economic grid parity for 20 more years, jacked the temperature of the planet up several degrees, and melted the poles of the planet, that we then passed a reasonable cap and trade law to prevent exactly all of that, right at the last moment possible to still save mankind from extinction and allow us to survive a few more years while Elon Musk opens up a new planet for us to build in some redundancy to this system we have of abusing our own ecosystems and breaking the planets we inhabit.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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