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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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Burning coal or natural gas produces carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur oxides, particulates (PM) and volatile organic compounds. Burning coal usually produces some mercury (volatile) and fly ash as well. In 2019 PA had 7 of the top 25 cities in the nation with the highest levels of year-round particle pollution and ranked 3rd in the nation for carbon dioxide emissions.

By reducing carbon dioxide emissions, the other pollutants are reduced; leading to cleaner air which would be expected to improve health and, therefore, reduce the cost of health care and the number of lost workdays.

Implementation of RGGI will reduce the number of jobs in the fossil fuel industry. But jobs will be created in the wind, solar, nuclear, hydro and geothermal energy industries. The PA DEP projects that there will be a significant net gain in jobs in the energy sector/industries by implementing RGGI. Training/retraining programs will need to be available for displaced workers.

Therefore I strongly support Pennsylvania's joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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