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**Re: eComment System****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:

I support Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As the climate crisis worsens, threatening the health and safety of our communities, our environment, and future generations, we need a solution like RGGI to help pave the way towards a climate-safe future. RGGI is an important first step the process and a critical climate policy that Pennsylvania can undertaken to address climate change. Now is our chance to tap into RGGI?s record of success, invest in creating sustainable jobs in our energy sector, and reduce our outsized carbon pollution footprint.

The science is clear: the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change determined that we have to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050 in order to have a chance at avoiding truly catastrophic levels of climate disruption. Without participation in RGGI to cut pollution from power plants, as well as other programs to reduce pollution in other sectors, we will not be able to meet that challenge in Pennsylvania.

I urge the Environmental Quality Board to finalize the regulation as soon as possible. I also support ongoing monitoring of air pollution in environmental justice communities throughout the program, and prioritizing investments of RGGI allowance proceeds in communities that have been or become overburdened by air pollution, regardless of the source.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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