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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 Members of the Environmental Quality Board:

We write to you to express our support for the proposal for Pennsylvania to take part in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to cut climate change pollution from electric power plants.

As legislators and local government officials, we are seeing the threats that climate change poses to our communities. Changing climate patterns are leading to more frequent extreme storms that produce flooding and landslides, cause infrastructure damage and power outages, and strain emergency services. Increased pollution and hotter weather combine to increase health risks for Pennsylvanians with respiratory ailments like asthma.

Many of us represent constituents who have historically suffered disproportionately from environmental harms and who now stand on the front lines of climate change's impacts. We know that strong action on climate change is needed.

We are working to do our part to cut greenhouse gas emissions, reduce taxpayers' energy costs, and make our communities more sustainable. RGGI can support these goals at the state level. Its market-based approach limits carbon pollution from power plants and requires polluters to

offset the societal and health costs caused by their pollution. The proceeds from this program can be invested in renewable energy and energy efficiency advancements that will create local jobs, lower energy costs, promote innovation, and further reduce greenhouse gas pollution.

RGGI has delivered significant benefits in the states where it already operates: job creation, consumer energy savings, cleaner air, and better health. We owe the people of Pennsylvania the same opportunities.

According to expert analyses, RGGI can produce a 21% reduction in carbon pollution, more than 27,000 jobs, an injection of \$1.9 billion into Pennsylvania's economy, and \$6 billion in health benefits through 2030.

We support RGGI as a common-sense and effective step to tackle climate change, protect the public's health, and secure Pennsylvania's clean energy.

Signed,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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