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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:

I strongly support adopting this proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559) and Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), as described therein. For years, I have witnessed the increasing damage and costs resulting from climate change. Over that time, the data and scientific consensus has established the link between CO2 emissions and climate change. Just as the Acid Rain Program turned back the damage I saw while hiking in NH's White Mountains, I see RGGI making significant impacts to reduce the acceleration of climate change, improve the health of area citizens, and make progress in environmental justice areas. Pennsylvania is blessed with many natural resources. But some of those resources are hurting us...our oil and coal is extracted, processed, and combusted, contaminating our air and damaging the health of our citizens. Our plentiful water resources are turned by CO2-fueled climate change into downpours and flash floods, resulting in crop loss, clouded drinking water supplies, and infrastructure repair and reinforcement costs that strain our municipalities. CO2 emissions is a systemic issue that crosses many large industries such as energy, transportation, construction, and manufacturing. Government intervention is not always needed, or wanted. But it is more appropriate, and effective, for tackling systemic issues such as this. As stated in the backgrounder accompanying this proposed rulemaking, the United States Energy Information Administration (EIA) ranked states by the volume of CO2 emissions generated and found Pennsylvania to be the 4th largest. As the saying goes - where there is

great power there is great responsibility. The Commonwealth must take greater responsibility to manage and reduce CO2 emissions. I strongly support Pennsylvania joining the RGGI.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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