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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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To whom it may concern:

I oppose the adoption of the proposed CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559)

Several factors must be considered in deciding if this legislation would be good for Pennsylvania. 1) Jobs will be lost as electric generation facilities move out of state for a cheaper operating cost. 2) Tax revenue will be lost due to the businesses moving out of state. 3) Electricity rates will rise from the increased cost of operating a fossil fuel powered facility. 4) Higher electric rates and less job market competition will put more financial burden on all income classes. The hardest hit will be low income class workers who will have increased difficulty finding jobs. 5) Will the solution proposed actually remedy the problem it is intended to solve? 6) Is CO2 really a problem?

In regards to point six. I bring to your attention that the scientific community does not universally recognized CO2 as responsible for global warming. At first glance, the graph of temperature and CO2 levels laid on top of each other do have some resemblance. But to determine which is the cause and which the effect isn't so simple. By examining each time the temperature and CO2 levels reverse directions, we can determine that the two do not change at the same time. Rather, first one reverses and then the other follows. This is important. The

effect should follow behind the cause at some small delay. According to several scientists we do see this phenomenon. At each reverse in direction the CO2 lags behind, Indicating that CO2 is not the cause. (3)

Indeed, we cannot deny that temperature changes have been recorded for centuries. But the temperatures have not been proven to be either abnormal or caused by human activity.(4) In fact, there are some benefits to having higher temperatures and levels of CO2 in our atmosphere. Plants grow more vigorously in a CO2 rich environment. Green houses are often CO2 enriched to feed the plants. But as the plant growth increases, CO2 is converted to oxygen. Thus we have a balancing effect on our ecosystem. Even temperatures of 2 degrees Celsius above the current will not lead us into an uncharted environment. The medieval warm period has been warmer than that with no new catastrophic weather conditions.(4)

Most times, any suggestion that the scientists who support climate change theory may be wrong will raise cries of "Climate Change Denier". Please note that the scientific method "involves careful observation, applying rigorous skepticism about what is observed..."(5) If we are not open to eying theory's skeptically, our assumptions will likely blind us from the truth. To further show how imbalanced the playing field has become, We are told that 3000 of the world's best scientists have contributed to writing the IPCC's report on climate change. But we are not told that 31,487 American scientists actively disagree with the papers as published by the IPCC.(4) This does not count scientists in other countries that disagree. Something is clearly wrong with this picture.

In response to other comment's posted on this topic.

1) In response to the doctor who said he has patients that suffer from insomnia due to CO2. The lists of causes for Insomnia do not mention CO2 at all.(1)(2)

2) In response to the civilian who commented that the sulfur smell in her area caused worsening asthma symptoms. This legislation is not regulating sulfur but rather CO2

#### References:

(1) <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/insomnia/symptoms-causes/syc-20355167>

(2) <https://www.webmd.com/sleep-disorders/insomnia-symptoms-and-causes>

(3) <https://principia-scientific.com/evidence-proves-that-co2-is-not-a-greenhouse-gas/>

(4) [http://www.petitionproject.org/gw\\_article/Review\\_Article\\_HTML.php](http://www.petitionproject.org/gw_article/Review_Article_HTML.php)

(5) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific\\_method](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientific_method)

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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