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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 am writing in support of Pennsylvania joining RGGI. As a native born Pennsylvanian who left to serve my country and has returned in my senior years, my heart grieves for the pollution I witness here and must endure in once beautiful Lancaster County. One can not open windows for fresh air because of the pollution. The 72+ hour air pollution Orange Alert during Christmas week made it impossible to be outdoors or to witness the awe of the 800 year alignment of Saturn & Jupiter. I believe it is past time for the Keystone State to join with our neighbors in restoring the clean air that our Creator originally provided us and we aspire to in our Pennsylvania Constitution.

I lived in a New England State when it joined RGGI over a decade ago. What RGGI does is hold polluters accountable for the damage they have caused and are doing to their neighbors and the natural environment by polluting the air in the pursuit of their economic interests and profits. Since the Pennsylvania Constitution (Art I Sect 27) ensures its citizens clean air and clean water and recognizes "generations yet to come," the State has the right to hold polluters accountable and invest in cleaning up the air. That money was invested by the state in creating a new trade/jobs in weatherization. The money also went to assisting low income families and seniors to weatherize their leaky homes, saving heating costs and conserving energy. Think of all the old homes in Pennsylvania! Electric companies responded by investing in cleaner energy as a result. The state also encouraged business and consumer movement toward cleaner and more renewable energy sources.

We have the choice of doing that here in Pennsylvania! I don't know if we are the fourth or third greatest polluter in the nation, but I sure don't want to be living in the first! And what about future generations? Why is it that Pennsylvanian's don't seem to care about the future lives of their children anymore? Fogged out? I urge you to take action to be the Keystone State once again and stand with our neighbors in cleaning the air so that we all can truly enjoy nature, breathe freely once again, not waste money and lives on the health consequences of breathing polluted air, ie cancer, breathing issues, heart, etc. future pandemics. Act as if our future depends on it because it does!

Thank you for your service.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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