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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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I support Pennsylvania joining RGGI because it has multiple benefits. It focuses on the power-generation sector because it accounts for approximately 28% to 30% of all greenhouse gas emissions. RGGI prompts the market to "operate as an efficient means to cut emissions, fostering a shift to a clean energy economy and driving innovation in low-carbon technologies."

It supports state and our municipal goal of reducing GHG emissions and social equity.

CO2 emissions in RGGI states have fallen 47%, outpacing the rest of the country by 90%. As the nation's second biggest electricity exporter, a major fossil fuel development state, and one of the nation's five largest emitters, Pennsylvania would easily be the largest emitter among the RGGI states. So the impact of PA joining will be significant and have its challenges, but PA should be a leader.

Since it started, RGGI has generated \$4.7 billion in economic benefits and tens of thousands of jobs. See Hibbard et al  
[https://www.analysisgroup.com/uploadedfiles/content/insights/publishing/2018\\_hibbard\\_tierney\\_darling\\_cullinan\\_an\\_expanding\\_carbon\\_cap\\_and\\_trade\\_regime.pdf](https://www.analysisgroup.com/uploadedfiles/content/insights/publishing/2018_hibbard_tierney_darling_cullinan_an_expanding_carbon_cap_and_trade_regime.pdf)

The health-related co-benefits of Pennsylvania joining RGGI are potentially large, and most of

these co-benefits to Pennsylvanians may be concentrated in areas that see the largest reductions in power generation from conventional resources. Joining RGGI is expected to reduce nitrogen and sulfur dioxide pollution, yielding significant health benefits. This has the potential to avoid an estimate hundreds of premature deaths and 30,000 hospital visits for respiratory illness such as asthma by 2030.

Use the revenue generated to support the communities that will and have been adversely affected to bring innovation, education and jobs so that our rural regions can benefit from being a renewable power producing state.

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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