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Good afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP received on January 12 and 13, 2021, regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO₂ Budget Trading Program (#7-559). We labeled this letter "Form Letter 14: Tap Into RGGI's Record of Success" and received a total of 1,183 copies of this letter via email.

Thank you and have lovely weekend,
Laura

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In order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, all DEP offices will remain closed until restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, I will be working remotely to continue the mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and frequently retrieving emails. Thank you for your patience.

FORM LETTER 14: "Tap Into RGGI's Record of Success"

Proposed Rulemaking: CO₂ Budget Trading Program (#7-559)

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

I support Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) to set limits on carbon pollution from the power sector, create thousands of jobs, boost our economy, and protect the health of everyday Pennsylvanians.

As the climate crisis worsens, threatening the health and safety of our communities, our environment, and future generations, we need a solution like RGGI to pave the way towards a climate-safe future. RGGI is the most critical climate policy that Pennsylvania has EVER undertaken to address climate change and now is our chance to tap into RGGI's record of success, invest in creating sustainable jobs in our energy sector, and reduce our outsized carbon pollution footprint.

The science is clear: the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change determined that we have to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by 45% by 2030 and to net zero by 2050 in order to have a chance at avoiding truly catastrophic levels of climate disruption. Without participation in RGGI to cut pollution from power plants, as well as other programs to reduce pollution in other sectors, we will not be able to meet that challenge in Pennsylvania.

I urge the Environmental Quality Board to finalize the regulation as soon as possible. I also support ongoing monitoring of air pollution in environmental justice communities throughout the program, and prioritizing investments of RGGI allowance proceeds in communities that have been or become overburdened by air pollution, regardless of the source.

I look forward to continuing to participate in the regulatory process. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,