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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:

Dear Members of the Environmental Quality Board,

This is a letter of support for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

I am writing to you as a resident of Centre County, a mother, a grandmother, a former elementary school teacher and camp director. I am seriously concerned about the disregard for the scientific evidence that human activity, especially in the form of CO2 emissions, is causing a change in our climate, which is leading to devastating floods, fires, droughts and weather disruptions. We are already seeing the consequences of climate change in our local area due to flooding and drought conditions that seem to fluctuate year to year disrupting our local farmers ability to produce food . I strongly support the joining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Research shows that Pennsylvania's electricity generating units (EGUs) rank 4th highest among CO2 emitting EGUs in our country (Commonwealth's Environmental Quality Board). The serious problems resulting from CO2 and other greenhouse gases are shared by all, and this global challenge requires regional cooperation. Currently, the RGGI involves 10 northeastern states in a joint effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by using a proven market-based program. I

respectfully and mindfully request that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania join these states in this important effort by becoming a member of RGGI. We are at an important moment in the history of our planet. Climate change is the most important issue of our time. Please support this initiative as one step toward decreasing CO2 emissions, for the health of our planet and for future generations.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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