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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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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).

Climate change is an undeniable threat to our health, our communities, and our society. We've seen increasingly violent hurricanes and floods. Even locally, there are more late frosts and winter warm ups that affect our forests and our farmers. And science consistently predicts that things will get much worse. There are water wars breaking out globally and mass migration always follows. The disruption that has begun, and will accelerate each decade, is truly scary.

As a mother, my children watch all of this and ask me why adults aren't doing more to stop the destruction so they can have a safe and healthy future. Joining the RGGI would send them a message that we do care and we can act in an effective and evidence-based way. The RGGI has been one of the most successful efforts to reduce greenhouse gasses in our country. PA should join this market-based effort to control greenhouse gas emissions. With our vast natural resources and proximity to numerous major cities, we could be leaders in ecotourism, outdoor leisure, and environmental education. Joining with other states to put a strong regulatory framework in place is a great start.

I strongly urge you to allow PA to join the RGGI. This initiative as one step toward decreasing CO2 emissions, for the health of our planet and for future generations.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Hynes, State College, PA

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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