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**Re: eComment System****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:

Hello,

As a Pennsylvania resident who is concerned about the effects of greenhouse gas emissions on our climate, I support the Commonwealth's proposed joining of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that all countries need to take immediate action to prevent disastrous consequences of global warming over 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. We need to achieve sharp reductions in carbon emissions in order to curtail the worst of sea level rise, extreme weather, and destabilization of societies worldwide resulting from resource shortages driven by the above phenomena.

Without and until strong federal action, states need to take the reins. According to researchers interviewed in the 9-14-20 State Impact article, "RGGI, behind the rhetoric: What we know about the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative", this cap-and-trade program is a step in the right direction toward transitioning from high carbon emissions energy to clean energy. Plus, it will provide a boost to the clean energy jobs sector, offering Pennsylvanians family-supporting jobs.

I support Pennsylvania joining the RGGI. Thank you for consideration of my comment.

Respectfully,

Kelsey Stanton Murphy

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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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