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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:

I am a resident of the the city of Philadelphia. I was alarmed to learn that Philadelphia has the 22nd highest level of ozone pollution of all USA cities, according to "The State Of Health Equity in Pennsylvania" issued by the PA Dept of Health. That report also stated that Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Erie are among Pennsylvania cities that ranked among the top 25 of US cities with the highest level of year round particle pollution. Astonishingly, Pennsylvania ranks 3rd in the nation in CO2 emissions, according to that same report. Consequently, the state of Pennsylvania must put into effect a program to reduce carbon pollution and to create thousands of jobs by joining the bipartisan Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). RGGI has a proven track record of cutting climate pollution by a third and raising \$3 billion to invest in clean energy and other related uses, in states where it is in place. Based upon such track record, it is reasonable to expect that RGGI will reduce CO2 emission in the Commonwealth if adopted. Reducing the combustion of fossil fuels will reduce the demand for the fuels which will lead to job loss. However the shift from fossil fuel energy to solar, wind, nuclear and hydro energy sources would be expected to create additional jobs in those fields. As a resident of Philadelphia (ranked the 22nd highest level of ozone pollution of all USA cities), I am convinced that joining the bipartisan Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative/RGGI will address the problems that climate change presents while creating jobs in clean air energy generation industries.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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