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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 strongly support RGGI. There is a large cost to our carbon pollution. It is damaging our health and causing extreme weather events that are very destructive and is a significant threat to our grandchildren.

Those states which have adopted RGGI have had their critics who decried implementing RGGI and claimed that this program would wreak economic havoc. These RGGI states have not only significantly reduced their carbon emissions they have experienced economic growth and public health benefits while doing so. According to the Analysis Group (<http://www.analysisgroup.com>) which performed an economic analysis of the 10 RGGI states in the economic benefits of the RGGI includes 14,700 job-years as of 2015. RGGI states have reinvested RGGI auction proceeds in a variety of programs including direct bill assistance, job training, and energy efficiency including the weatherization of houses. The states are given discretion as to how the auction proceeds are invested.

RGGI is a well-conceived, win win program which can protect our environment by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and grow our economy. I strongly support its implementation in Pennsylvania.

Paul Brown

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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