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Good Afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP received regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559), labeled "Form Letter 1: PA Should Join RGGI" (IRRC Form Letter A).

We received a total of **292** copies of this letter via email.

Thank you,  
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## **FORM LETTER 1: "PA Should Join RGGI"**

Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559)

Pennsylvania should join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

This carbon pollution control program can reduce harmful climate-changing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, protect public health, and, together with a commitment to investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, position Pennsylvania as a leader in the growing clean energy economy.

Pennsylvania could receive hundreds of millions of dollars in proceeds annually from this program. These funds would be invested in targeted efforts to eliminate air pollution, spur job creation, support working Pennsylvanians, and help boost the states long-term economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A portion of the proceeds could be used to help workers and communities who will be affected by the ongoing and inevitable transition of the energy market away from coal to natural gas and renewables.

Its time for Pennsylvania to tap into this record of success, invest in sustainable jobs in our transitioning energy sector, and reduce our carbon pollution. Joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is right for Pennsylvania.