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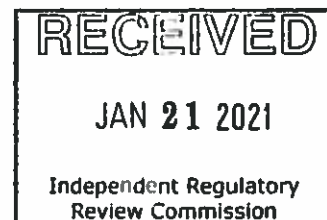
Good Afternoon,

Attached is a form letter DEP received regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559), labeled "Form Letter 3: Protect PA's Future" (IRRC Form Letter C).

We received a total of **549** copies of this letter via email during the public comment period.

Thank you,
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In order to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, all DEP offices will remain closed until restrictions are lifted. In the meantime, I will be working remotely to continue the mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and frequently retrieving emails. Thank you for your patience.

FORM LETTER 3: Protect Pennsylvania's Future

Proposed Rulemaking: CO₂ Budget Trading Program (#7-559)

Dear Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection,

I'm writing today in strong support of the Department of Environmental Protection's proposed rule to link with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and set the first-ever statewide limit on carbon pollution from the power sector. This rule is a critical step towards cleaning up Pennsylvania's air and taking on the looming climate crisis, while creating good jobs, growing the economy, and investing in energy efficiency to lower bills for everyday Pennsylvanians.

Now, more than ever, Pennsylvania needs to take strong action to protect its residents. We know that air pollution exacerbates the heart and lung conditions that make COVID-19 more deadly. We know that linking to RGGI can reduce both health-harming air pollution and dangerous carbon pollution while growing the economy. And we know that as the 3rd largest greenhouse gas polluting state in the country, Pennsylvania has a responsibility to take bold climate action and that there is ample opportunity for deep carbon pollution reductions that put us on a path to a zero emission power sector well before mid-century. This is a crucial step forward that must be taken as soon as possible so Pennsylvania can participate in the program starting in January 2022.

Please protect the future of all Pennsylvanians by finalizing Pennsylvania's path to link with RGGI as quickly as possible.