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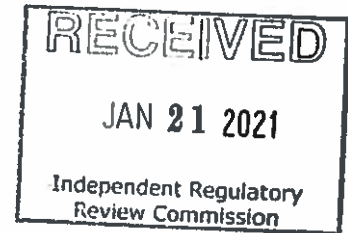
Good evening,

Attached is a form letter DEP received regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559). We labeled this letter "Form Letter 11: Get PA Back to Work" (IRRC Form Letter K).

We received a total of **157** copies of this letter via email during the public comment period.

Thank you,  
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## **FORM LETTER 11: “Get PA Back to Work”**

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

Hello,

I'm writing to you today to proudly voice my support for Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

It's no secret that Pennsylvania has some of the most polluted air in the country. Everyone agrees that we need to clean up the air, and joining RGGI would be a good first step. That's why I was excited to see state leaders take action to enter our Commonwealth into this carbon cutting program.

But cleaner air isn't the only way our Commonwealth can benefit from joining RGGI. In fact, one of the biggest things Pennsylvania stands to gain is jobs.

Over the last decade or so, RGGI has helped create thousands of new clean energy jobs in neighboring states. These are exactly the kind of steady, good-paying jobs we need right now, especially with so many Pennsylvanians out of work.

This year has been especially difficult for many Pennsylvanians, and joining RGGI can help us begin to bounce back after the pandemic.

The longer we wait to join RGGI, the further we will fall behind our neighbors in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware who are already taking advantage of RGGI's clean energy job generation.

That's why I'm urging you to help get Pennsylvania back to work by entering our Commonwealth into RGGI.

Thank you for your consideration,