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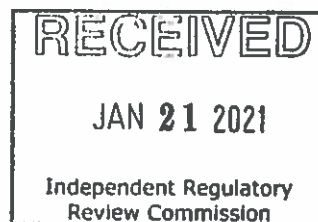
Good morning,

Attached is a form letter DEP received on January 14, 2021, regarding Proposed Rulemaking: CO<sub>2</sub> Budget Trading Program (#7-559). We have labeled this letter "Form Letter 15: Bold Climate Action."

We received a total of **101** copies of this letter via email.

Thank you,  
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## **FORM LETTER 15: “Bold Climate Action”**

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

We strongly support the proposed rulemaking for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to establish a Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Budget Trading Program Regulation and join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

At The Climate Reality Project: Philadelphia and Southeastern PA Chapter, we believe climate change is one of the most pressing threats of our lifetimes. PA is the fourth largest greenhouse gas polluting state and has the fifth dirtiest power plant sector in the nation. We applaud Governor Wolf for his executive order for climate action and the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for the proposal to link Pennsylvania to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). We have models to look to see how well this works -- RGGI is already in place in New England states, Delaware, Maryland, and New Jersey, and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reductions in these ten RGGI states have outpaced the rest of the country by 90%! Virginia is set to join RGGI on January 1, 2021!

Pennsylvania must be next!

By joining RGGI we can achieve critical pollution reductions and spur economic development through investments in infrastructure, renewable energy, and energy efficiency. We can also improve health and advance environmental justice for all Pennsylvanians.

In RGGI states, revenue is being returned to consumers as rate assistance, low-income weatherization projects, energy efficiency retrofitting, clean transportation, and more, and we want to see this for Pennsylvanians as well.

Joining RGGI is expected to lead to more than 27,000 new jobs, cut carbon pollution from power plants by 188 million tons, and add \$1.9 billion to the state's economy by 2030.

We believe it's time for PA to cut our emissions and join RGGI. To the PA Department of Environmental Protection: Pennsylvanians are ready to take bold action for the climate!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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