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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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I am writing today in support of RGGI. The Proposed Rulemaking deserves every Pennsylvanian's support because it will help reduce air pollution, improve public health, and begin to address the problem of global warming brought on by CO2 emissions from sources in Pennsylvania. The proposed rulemaking would require that Pennsylvania's budgeted CO2 emissions fall from about 78 million tons of CO2 in 2022 to approximately 58 million tons in 2030 – a drop of about 31 percent. The EQB projects that during that same period, the program would reduce emissions of smog-forming oxides of nitrogen in Pennsylvania by 112,000 tons, and reduce sulfur dioxide emissions by 67,000 tons. Pennsylvania has an opportunity to take real action on reducing air pollution through this program and we need to seize it.

In the Pittsburgh area, in particular, air pollution is horrible. The potentially most devastating air pollution in the area comes from microparticulates from an aged US Steel cracking plant not far away. Though it was supposed to undergo upgrades to reduce such pollution, it never has, and continues to spew various pollutants, most prominent among them, microparticulates. This is not healthy for the area's residents. Something must be done.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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