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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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Comments entered:

Pennsylvania would do well to steer clear and stay out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). This is my opinion as a citizen of the Commonwealth, and as an Environmental Scientist with over twenty years of professional experience.

1. RGGI is a cap and trade program. It has little to nothing to do with carbon or the long term views surrounding climate. Cap and trade is a form of theft, and RGGI is aimed at a single industry, electric power generation. RGGI operates by theft from the electric power industry and from every electricity using customer. If Pennsylvania were to join, the cost would land directly on my utility bill and yours. PA Code Chapter 39 Title 18 has some interesting things to say about property, property of another, theft, theft by deception, theft by extortion, and receiving stolen property.

2. The electric power generation industry, and a wide range of other industries in Pennsylvania, have already been taking long strides in upgrading technologies, selecting fuels, and reducing emissions. They do it voluntarily and naturally as part of good business practices. They do it voluntarily and naturally because of a competitive marketplace. RGGI is unnecessary. The economic and job creating claims, and the climate claims for that matter, are a farce. Fiction.

An article I found interesting and helpful is at:

<https://pragmaticenvironmentalistofnewyork.blog/2020/08/08/critique-of-rggi-101-how-it-works-and-how-it-benefits-pennsylvanians/amp/>

Please allow Pennsylvania to stay out of RGGI.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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