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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 support the CO2 Budget Trading Program, and its efforts to limit carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas production. Climate change must be addressed with urgency, and this plan takes steps towards tackling the problem on a local, state, and regional level.

Furthermore, by reinvesting in energy efficiency projects, we have the opportunity to reduce our reliance on energy sources of any type. Pennsylvania has an enormous stock of existing buildings that would benefit from weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades. Besides helping to preserve our environment, these programs provide clean, good paying jobs that are themselves sustainable and in a growing sector.

Looking forward, it is these types of plans that will make Pennsylvania attractive to businesses and residents looking to invest in the region. Most large corporations are now required by shareholders to provide environmental reporting data. How and where they source their fuel to power their operations is one of the most impactful elements of such reporting. Transitioning to clean energy will not only benefit residents, but companies looking to relocate or stay in Pennsylvania. Both of which bring or save jobs.

The time is now to act. We have the technology and knowledge, but must have the will to transition to a cleaner energy future.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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