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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:

I write in support of the proposal to join the RGGI.

Greenhouse gases and the commensurate effect of global warming and climate change, stands to have a significant effect on health. As a family physician, I take care of patients (yes, even in the pandemic) with insomnia, worsened by extended allergy seasons, lyme disease caused by ticks - in January! - that used to only appear in the summer, and asthma triggered by forest fires thousands of miles away. The science shows us that these environmental threats, and the diseases they cause, are linked to climate change. In fact, the health effects are likely to be far more reaching - including heat-related illness, worsening cardiovascular health, and mental health, not to mention the direct catastrophic effects of severe precipitation and weather.

To monetize it, the public health benefits from air quality improvements alone, in RGGI states, are estimated at nearly \$6 billion.

The RGGI prioritizes health - and does so with a long-term positive economic plan. It's time to join in that effort.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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