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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:

As a physician I care about the health of our population and the world. Over 97% of scientists state that climate change is real and man made. I have two granddaughters that I want to be able to lead a life with climate as good as it has been in my lifetime--not having to worry about the worsening floods, tornadoes, hurricaines, forest fires, vector born diseases and other health issues made worse by climate change.

One way to decrease our greenhouse gases causing climate change is RGGI.

In RGGI states from 2008-2018 there has been a reduction in carbon pollution by 47%. This outpaces the rest of the US by 90%. When PA joins the other RGGI states there will be further reduction by 188 million tons in carbon emissions by 2030.

Our air quality will improve also by reduction in sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter. These cause and make worse asthma, other respiratory and cardiac diseases. It benefits especially those with chronic illness, the poor, children, seniors, and prenatal patients.

Electricity prices also have dropped by 5.7% in RGGI states, while it increased 8.6% in other areas of the US.

RGGI has raised over 2.5 billion dollars for energy renewables and energy efficiency in states participating. Greenhouse gas abatements and direct bill assistance have been improved with this money also.

The PA constitution guarantees, as a right, clean water to drink and clean air to breathe. RGGI will ensure we improve in that direction.

We should have become a member years ago. Let's not let this pass us by again as our earth becomes more sick each day, including us living on it.
Our children depend on us to step up now.
Thankyou for listening.
Alan Peterson, MD

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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