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## Comments entered:

PA needs to step up and take our rightful place in leading the nation toward energy independence and climate change. Since 2009, carbon emissions from power plants in RGGI states have dropped 47%, while economic growth outpaced the rest of the country by 31%.

Public health benefits from air quality improvements are estimated at nearly \$6 billion. In addition to the monetary advantages, the environmental benefits to citizens is dramatic.

To date, RGGI has raised more than \$1.3 billion for energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects.

By joining RGGI, it's estimated Pennsylvania could reduce its carbon pollution by 180 million tons by 2030. We need to act now to preserve our climate and to leave a healthy legacy for our children and grandchildren.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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