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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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To whom it may concern:

I'm writing to you today concerning the proposed Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), a program designed to limit and reduce carbon emissions across the commonwealth and Mid-Atlantic. However, this program will have lasting detrimental effects on our communities and schools.

My local public school, the United School District, currently serves four townships – Brush Valley, Buffington, East Wheatfield, and West Wheatfield – which are all heavily reliant on the energy sector. Coal mined and exported from Brush Valley Township, the region I represent, supplies the Homer City Generating Station and Seward Generating Station with the fossil fuels needed to operate.

Additionally, these coal-fired plants generate millions of dollars of revenue and employ hundreds from the local area. The Homer City and Seward Generating Stations employ an aggregate of 500 individuals and generate enough electricity to supply two million households. Because of the proximity of these plants, the residents in the United School District have enjoyed modest property values, which support the school district during property tax collections.

If these generating stations are to be destroyed because of RGGI, so will ours schools.

Please reconsider joining RGGI, as the energy sector in Pennsylvania would be decimated, causing a catastrophic domino effect onto our communities, schools, and livelihoods.

If coal thrives, our school survives.

Best,

Hunter Overdorff  
Board Director, United School District

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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