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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 resident of Pennsylvania for four years now, I was highly grateful to see this proposal for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in my state. Since 2009, carbon emissions from power plants in RGGI states have dropped 47%, while economic growth outpaced the rest of the country by 31%. This is great news, and it only goes to show how much more beneficial future carbon emission reductions will be not only for the environment, but also the economy. Pennsylvania no longer has to be reliant on fossil fuels, and we can build upon the \$1.3 billion that RGGI has raised for energy-efficiency and renewable energy projects.

Proposals like RGGI give me hope for the future and help me feel empowered as a resident of PA, whereas I know that my state can have the potential to do more to combat climate change and reduce its negative impacts on future generations. By joining RGGI, it's estimated that Pennsylvania could reduce its carbon pollution by 180 million tons by 2030. As a young person trying to envision my future in 10 years, I think this move towards a carbon budget with the option to trade is absolutely essential. I don't want to live in a world where my future is dictated by the fossil fuel industry, and I think that RGGI is a step in the right direction for mitigating the damage that will be done by climate change.

Thank you for taking my comment into consideration when making this crucial decision,
Bonnie Page

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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