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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 applaud the ideas and proposed approaches to reducing PA's carbon footprint through the CO2 Budget Trading Program. Pennsylvanians need step up and take responsibility for the environment, as individuals, consumers, and producers. Making it more expensive to contribute CO2 and less expensive to reduce CO2 is a direct and measurable approach. If we need to pay more for energy, so be it. The alternative is to accelerate the demise of the planet. As an avid naturalist, I was initially alarmed to see local pasture or crop land switched to solar panels. But I recognize that it is necessary. We have to greatly reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Solar is a reasonable alternative. Making wind and solar energy more readily available and more cost-effective requires investment. I encourage agencies, companies, and local jurisdictions to make that investment.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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