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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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With strong public support, Pennsylvania will hopefully soon join our neighboring 10 states to reduce carbon emissions, expand home weatherization efforts, and create new jobs in the clean energy sector.

The clock is ticking. Cities, states, and the federal government must use every tool and public policy at our collective disposal to address and mitigate climate change. RGGI will help to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, while creating new jobs. You do not need to take my word for it -- ask state officials from our neighbors that already participate.

Delaware, for example, generated \$120 million over 10 years, according to Rob Underwood, Energy Programs Section Administrator for Delaware's Division of Climate, Coastal, and Energy . Those savings augmented federal LIHEAP assistance efforts, paid for weatherization programs to save consumers money, and led to solar installations in low and moderate income households in Delaware.

In Maryland, half of the savings have gone directly to ratepayers, according to the state's Secretary of the Environment. Pennsylvanians deserve the same benefits as our neighbors in Del-Mar.

Some detractors say that utility rates are sure to increase if Pennsylvania joins the consortium. However, both Secretary Underwood (Delaware) and Secretary Grumbles (Maryland) attested during a recent Zoom conference that rates have been stable in their locales.

We must not delay any longer in Pennsylvania. 2021 is the time to join RGGI. Thank you,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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