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I am opposed to this Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) with a proposed CO2 budget trading program in the state of Pennsylvania. This program is full of assumptions and scare tactics to make a decision appear to be urgent and life threatening. It references targets under the Paris Agreement that the state of PA has not contractual agreement too. The PA legislation branch of government, in regards to this program, should be leading the way, rather than Governor Wolf making executive orders. RGGI is a way for Governor Wolf to pick and choose winners and losers in the power generation industry. Adding a tax for certain generators will unfairly increase the cost per megawatt of specific power generators in the state of PA. Where is the free market in this? This RGGI rule will have a negative impact to some of the best resources located right here in Pennsylvania. It will close our PA coal mining industry and generating plants containing clean coal technology. Just one power plant is responsible for millions of dollars of economic income to PA families and communities. State taxes, local taxes and school taxes will be greatly reduced. This idea is absolutely NUTS! A state governor should be working to increase the state economy, jobs, industry and power generation by using the best resources within our own state. I can't understand why Governor Wolf is an enemy of industry within his own state. All forms of electric power generation should be encouraged to thrive here in PA.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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