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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 am Charles Reeves, an African-American and life long resident of the Grays Ferry section of Philadelphia. Grays Ferry is a prime example of an environmental justice community. We lived it and we live it.

I would like to take this time to thank the Clean Air Council, Governor Wolf, and the DEP for putting this together.

I am here today because I believe that climate change is the biggest threat we face and will face into the future. Pennsylvania's emissions from fossil fuels have gone unchecked for too long, and the RGGI is a major step in reducing our carbon footprint. I want to make sure that the people who suffer the most from our co2 emissions benefit from the funds that are going to be made from the initiative.

I grew up across the road from one of the worlds oldest and largest oil refineries. Sunoco produced fuels, many of which went to dirty oil power plants across Pennsylvania. Communities like mine have suffered and continue to suffer from toxic air coming from the electricity industry. As frontline survivors, we paid and continue to pay the price for everyone to turn their lights on. Let me reiterate - as frontline survivors, we paid and continue to pay the price for everyone to turn their lights on.

Asthma and cancer are just some of the daily struggles in Grays Ferry. Generations of my neighbors have been poisoned and disadvantaged. The funds generated from these auctions need to be focused on helping communities like mine, especially those of color, across our state. Our kids and their schools need new curriculums to address and teach about energy, pollution, the environment, and the future that they will be living in. This is just one example of how these resources can be directed to vulnerable and ailing communities like mine.

Thank you for your time.

(Testimony delivered on December 9th through the virtual RGGI public hearing list starting at 1pm. Charles Reeves was speaker #6.)

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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