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Comments entered:

I am adamantly opposed to Pennsylvania's entry into the RGGI initiative and the CO2 Budget Trading program.

The states currently participating in the initiative are not significant coal producers and have minimal coal generation. Pennsylvania, on the other hand is still one of the top coal producers and still has significant coal generating capability. The program will only result in a redistribution of wealth from Pennsylvania to the other participating states, as our local economies are destroyed and high income workers are driven away from the state. Look at the states that are participating and explain how this type of cap and trade will work? Who in RGGI can PA sell credits to?

The United States has achieved the largest absolute CO2 emissions reduction of any country with market forces and current rules in place. I am not against emissions reductions but I do believe there is a lot of crying "Wolf" (pun intended, but it really isn't funny) when references include information by radicals like the Sierra Club and others. We were already losing businesses, schools, churches, etc. before the political lockdowns.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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