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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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To the PA DEP,  
 As a family doctor who cares deeply about the health of my patients and the health of my community, I urge you to support the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Based on the available evidence, this initiative will reduce carbon dioxide emissions and help us combat the coming tide of climate change and improve air quality. As a physician, I am focused on preventing illness as much as I am treating disease. The effects of climate change on human health are clear. Studies have shown that climate change leads to increased heat-related illness and death, increased rates of asthma and cardiovascular disease, and increased rates of respiratory and infectious diseases. We must make any and every effort we can immediately to mitigate the effects of climate change on the health of our patients and our community. The RGGI is one step in the right direction as it directly addresses the contribution of greenhouse gases to climate change. From a medical and public health perspective, the RGGI is an essential tool in helping us protect the health of our community. We cannot cure climate change related illness in the doctor's office, but we can prevent it with your help at the state regulatory level.  
 Andrew Foley, MD, MPH

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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