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**Re: eComment System****The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).**

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I'm writing to you today to proudly voice my support for Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

I understand the importance of emissions-free electricity and am supportive of a clean energy future in Pennsylvania.

The ongoing pandemic has taught us just how important healthy lungs are. Unfortunately, Pennsylvania is the country's fourth-largest producer of carbon emissions, and all that air pollution chips away at our lung health and puts residents at even greater risk of respiratory illnesses like the coronavirus.

By requiring fossil fuel plants to pay some of the social and health costs of carbon emissions they release into the air, we are prioritizing public health, in addition to thousands of new clean energy jobs that will help Pennsylvania communities grow.

RGGI is a market-based program that has helped our neighbors in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware slash carbon emissions in half. But RGGI offers benefits beyond clean air alone.

Here are other ways our neighboring RGGI states are benefiting from RGGI:

- Improved air quality and public health
- Carbon emissions cut in half
- Stable electricity prices
- Thousands of new clean energy jobs
- Stronger economies

Over a decade of experience shows that joining RGGI would be good for Pennsylvania's environment, public health, AND economy.

The longer Pennsylvania waits to join RGGI, the further we will fall behind other states in our region that are already moving forward on clean energy.

That's why I'm urging you to move Pennsylvania forward on clean energy by participating in RGGI.

If Pennsylvania lawmakers don't not take clean energy seriously, they are going to leave their grand children a toxic dump.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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