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

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

"My name is Alison Rupert. My husband and I are senior citizens in Penn Township, a very rural part of Lycoming County in north-central Pennsylvania.

I'm speaking tonight to strongly support the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. I applaud our Department of Environmental Protection for stepping up to address global warming, in contrast to our Pennsylvania legislators who shamefully continue to ignore the harm caused by fossil fuel pollution to PA citizens and to the rest of our planet.

The question is no longer whether or not global warming is a real threat; or whether or not fossil fuel emissions are accelerating global warming, or whether or not these emissions cause human illness and death. The question is: when is our Pennsylvania government going to start doing something about it?

The PA Constitution clearly guarantees our communities the right to clean air. It's embarrassing and frightening that Pennsylvania's power plants are the fifth dirtiest in the US. It's embarrassing and frightening that Pennsylvania is the third largest greenhouse gas producer in the US. Our state needs to catch up with the 21st Century and the ten forward-thinking Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states that are already benefitting from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

My Pennsylvania Senator is trying to scare his constituents, claiming that RGGI could possibly increase our electric bills. What he fails to mention is the billions of dollars RGGI will save our citizens in health-related economic costs due to premature deaths, heart attacks and respiratory illness. He doesn't mention that joining RGGI will bring a net increase of tens of thousands of PA jobs. I wish he would take the long view, and set this and other clean air plans in motion now for a better future. Time is of the essence; doing nothing, as he suggests, is a recipe for disaster.

I personally descend from a long line of farmers, who would say 'A stitch in time saves nine' and 'Don't be penny-wise but pound-foolish'. I descend also from a long line of clergymen, who would say 'You are your brother's keeper'.

Pennsylvania should heed their time-honored advice and join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. My husband and I strongly support this effort. Thank you."

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No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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