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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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Re: Support the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)

Dear Environmental Quality Board:

Please accept this letter in support of joining the multi-state CO2 Budget Trading Program, also known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As a serial entrepreneur across various disciplines (software, outdoor recreation, sustainable buildings, real estate management) I know first-hand that market mechanisms can drive behavior. RGGI provides excellent market-based incentives for industry to reduce their CO2 outputs and make a real contribution to addressing climate change. The other RGGI states are finding real success with the program and Pennsylvania needs to play its part and participate.

As someone who spends way more time outside than the average citizen - leading hikes, leading kayak trips, riding a bike - I value the fact RGGI will reduce pollution, improve health and generate quantifiable economic development for the state. It allows PA to meet a fair portion of its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases across the state, without mandates, regulations and fines. And (as the grandson of two coal miners, this is important to me) it provides funds for addressing training and workforce development issues that result as technologies and fuel

sources shift and improve over time.

I have a degree in Electrical Engineering from Princeton and an MBA from Stanford. I founded Confluence (software company), Venture Outdoors, Kayak Pittsburgh, RoomLeopard, and was part of the founder team at the Environmental Charter School at Frick Park. I am also faculty at NOLS (National outdoor Leadership School), and teach Social Entrepreneurship at Pitt's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA). As a Wilderness EMT, I volunteer with Operation SafetyNet and provide first-line health care to local homeless citizens – and as is well-documented, it is often these most vulnerable citizens who most suffer the consequences of pollution and climate change.

All of my background and experience tells me that RGGI is useful, practical, market-based and life-saving. Please support Pennsylvania's inclusion in the multi-state CO2 Budget Trading Program, also known as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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These links provide access to the attachments provided as part of this comment.

Comments Attachment: [RGGI letter 12-11-2020.pdf](#)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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