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I would like to make four points on why this program should not be considered for Pennsylvania. Loss of good paying jobs. This program will accelerate the degradation of small communities that depend on oil and gas jobs in Pa. The cost of displaced workers is not figured into this plan. We already have a problem of losing population to other states, this proposal will increase it.

Reliability decrease. The increase of renewables has substantially degraded the reliability of the grid. Think California or Texas when the wind dies and the brownouts. We need all forms of energy, coal, gas, nuclear and renewables. Renewables came up small during the last bomb cyclone and polar vortex. The NUCS and gas were there to save the day.

Loss of tax base from jobs and gas exports. Pennsylvania gets \$300 Million per year from Pa gas. Please tell me how cap and trade plugs this gap.

Pa Natural gas has reduced green house gases in Pa. and around the globe by exports. Continuing research and development in natural gas technologies will even further lower emissions.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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