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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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Comments entered:

As a small business owner, I strongly oppose Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As a fireworks display company, we lost about 75% of our revenue in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic . . . threatening the very survival of our business and the livelihoods of our 7 full-time employees and over 150 part-time seasonal workers.

There could be no worse time to burden businesses like mine with the higher energy costs that RGGI would bring to Pennsylvania.

At a time when Pennsylvania's small businesses are suffering, RGGI would just set us further back. This seems especially irrational when modeling shows that RGGI will have little impact on CO2 emissions over time.

Please reconsider this course of action and withdraw this burdensome, anti-small business, carbon tax regulation!

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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