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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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Comments entered:

As a small business owner, I strongly oppose Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). My small manufacturing company with 28 employees has an electric bill of \$5000-\$6000 a month. An increase in my electric rates would hinder our efforts to rebuild our business after a devastating 2020. We cannot raise prices, we are competing with China and Mexico. After suffering a large loss through the 3rd qtr, we have hopes of breaking even in the 4th quarter. Every expense that increases puts our business at risk. Even more important than my personal situation is my belief that this bill isn't necessary, won't have a significant impact on CO2 emissions, and will devastate many other small businesses in Pennsylvania. It makes liberals "feel good" because they think they're doing something to "save the planet", but it's actually just another government power grab.

I am also concerned about the thousands of jobs that will be lost when coal and natural gas-fueled power plants in the state are shuttered. Even more jobs would disappear in the communities surrounding them and the small businesses that support them, including manufacturing, transportation, raw materials, and vendor services. The ripple effect from these losses would impact the whole economy.

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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