



## RGGI SPEECH

Hello everyone! My name is Jose D Aviles Velez I am a 22 years old. I am Puerto Rican and I arrived to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 6 years ago. I am also a proud member of CASA and for those who don't know what is CASA we're an organization that unites the latino and immigrant community in Pennsylvania to make sure our voices are heard.

As a Puerto Rican who has family that lost everything with the Hurricane Maria, I am aware of the economical and psychological impact that climate change is having in our daily lives. I am also a young dad of two years old daughter and I am extremely worried about climate change and how it is going to shape the way we live in the next 5 to 10 years.

As it says in the Commonwealth "citizens of this commonwealth have an absolute right to clean air, pure water and preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of this environment" but in our communities the water and walls are with lead. In our state we are poisoning children like my two year old daughter. In a lot of communities like mine we need to travel miles to find green spaces.

I believe in RGGI and I want this program in Pennsylvania but I believe that this project should prioritize communities that are disproportionately affected by climate change. We need more green spaces, solar power infrastructure, home weatherization and CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAMS to educate communities of the importance to use 100% green energy.

Thank you so much!