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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:

I would like to submit my testimony in support of the RGGI initiative

Firstly, all states in the Northeast will be part of this initiative, except for PA. I want to see PA be a leader, not a state that lags behind its neighbors.

States like New York have seen millions in RGGI auction proceeds go towards efforts to improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and train workers for green energy jobs.

Programs like this show that the idea of "environment or jobs" is false. Initiatives like this are pro-environment and pro-jobs, as well as helping people and businesses save money through energy efficiency. This is something we all need, especially now with the pandemic.

Additionally, I live in a home with an asthmic husband and a son who was born prematurely. It

is in my interest that we reduce emissions and pollution to help them live safe and healthy lives. My three year old boy's health was at risk from the moment he was born prematurely, and science has shown that air pollution absolutely will take a toll on his life and his health.

Very importantly, I'm sure you will have a lot of people speak about climate change. It is not an option any more for us to take bold and decisive action so that we and our children can have a liveable planet. I believe in science and am very concerned about the state of the world and PA specifically. I care about my child's future, and I want my lawmakers and regulators to care too.

We are well past time to act on these initiatives. To me, it is an easy "ask" to have PA sign on to the RGGI initiative. It is pro-jobs - pro GOOD jobs, pro-health, and pro-environment. If our Commonwealth does not protect our health and our ability to live on our own planet, and is not supportive of good-paying jobs that are part of where our economic future is inevitably headed, it is not acting in the best interests of every single citizen of Pennsylvania.

Please approve this initiative and help PA recover from the coronavirus devastation in a sustainable, healthier way. Frankly, no other option exists. Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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