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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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Climate change is one of the greatest threats we face. Its effects are already underway in Pennsylvania, where we are experiencing stronger and more frequent storms, an increased number of high heat days, and flooding. What's more, we know that the impacts of climate change disproportionately impact low-income communities and negatively impact the health of our most vulnerable populations.

Pennsylvania is poised to take a major step to limit carbon pollution produced by power plants through a program called the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). Joining RGGI will not only help reduce carbon pollution in Pennsylvania, but estimates show that it will also generate a net increase of more than 27,000 jobs—many of them sustainable, clean energy jobs—and add \$1.9 billion to the state's economy by 2030.

Joining RGGI would reduce harmful climate-changing CO2 emissions, protect the health of Pennsylvania families, and, together with a commitment to investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, position Pennsylvania as a leader in the growing clean energy economy. Ten other states are already part of RGGI and are reaping the benefits. Participating states have cut climate pollution by a third and have raised nearly \$3 billion to invest in clean energy and other purposes. Pennsylvania should not be left behind.

It's time for Pennsylvania to tap into this record of success: invest in sustainable jobs for our transitioning energy sector, reduce our carbon pollution, and safeguard the health of our communities. Joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is right for Pennsylvania.

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