



## Testimony for CO2 budget trading program regulations

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### Private Citizen

- Hello, my name is Nick Favorito and I live in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania.
- I'm here today to proudly voice my support for Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.
  
- The main reasons I support RGGI are:
  - for clean, reliable power production
  - for Pennsylvania jobs, and;
  - for the health of our citizens, including my son who has asthma.
  
- By supporting RGGI, I am also standing up for nuclear in Pennsylvania. RGGI means Pennsylvania's four nuclear power plants have an opportunity to compete on a more level playing field by requiring that polluting fossil fuel plants pay some of the social and health costs of carbon emissions they release into the air.
  
- Nuclear power is clean, safe, reliable and affordable electricity that generates economic and environmental benefits for everyone. The nuclear industry alone supports 15,000 Pennsylvania jobs and 500 companies. Joining RGGI could add hundreds of millions of dollars back into our economy which will add additional jobs and support a post COVID recovery. Pennsylvania's eight nuclear power reactors produce 34 percent of the state's electricity and 91 percent of its clean energy. Our nuclear energy facilities prevent 34 million metric tons of CO2 per year, which is equivalent to what would be released by 7 million passenger cars.
  
- We already saw the premature closure of Three Mile Island in 2019 and cannot allow any additional Pennsylvania nuclear plants to close.
  
- I proudly worked at Three Mile Island for 13 years until its closure. I moved my family to work at the Limerick Generating station in Pottstown, Pennsylvania because I believe in Nuclear Power as the best way to produce large scale clean energy. Pennsylvania is a world leader in clean and safe commercial nuclear power production. We can leverage our expertise to significantly impact greenhouse gas emissions regionally, while the country as a whole is slow to respond.
  
- For these reasons and more, I ask the Department of Environmental Protection to move Pennsylvania forward on clean energy by entering our Commonwealth into RGGI.
  
- Thank you for your time and consideration.