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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:

My name is Sandra Postupack Prytherch. I am testifying as a private citizen.

I presently live in Carbon County. I grew up in West Penn Township, Schuylkill County. I've also lived and worked in Elizabethtown, Pottsville, Chambersburg, and York. As I carefully consider the science about climate change, I am mindful of the economic and social challenges of these regions. I am testifying in support of Pennsylvania proceeding urgently with RGGI, with a focus on environmental justice and total investment in clean energy and related initiatives. Funds should not go into the general fund, but return to clean energy innovation for job creation and community rebuilding.

Others more qualified than I have eloquently spoken to science and economics of the matter. I want to speak to you about the very old-fashioned idea of stewardship. By definition, this means to take care of something, and in this case, it is the planet that we call home. People my age are

not likely to suffer if we don't take care of it, but our children and grandchildren will. That is why I want you to pay careful attention.

Stewardship is caring enough to preserve something for those we love, but also for those we don't even know and may never see. So what I am asking you is easy: Let the expert testimony speak to your heart as well as your mind. Knowledgeable people are providing wise counsel about how to address the problem of greenhouse gases and also address the related concerns. This helps you be good stewards.

I want you to be courageous here. With conviction, act in faith to preserve our planet.

Finally, I want to address the answer I have received numerous times from people unwilling to consider climate change as real: "God is in control." This generally means that we don't want to change our minds or actions. So I ask that you remember that we are God's hands and feet in the world. We are compelled to act. It is our civic, moral, ethical, and spiritual responsibility to future generations.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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