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Re: eComment System

The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: CO2 Budget Trading Program (#7-559).

Commenter Information:

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Comments entered:

My name is Shweta Arya and I am from Garnet Valley, Pennsylvania. I work as an Outreach Director for a faith based Environmental Organization in Delaware. Thank you for letting me speak today.

As a mother of two children who wants a healthy and sustainable future for her children, I ask you to take a bold and much needed action on climate by joining RGGI.

As a parent I want my state to take this action to cut down the pollution in the air that we breathe everyday! In Delaware County the air we breathe grades F according American Lung association (Stateoftheair.org). Several Pennsylvania cities place among the top 25 most polluted in the U.S.

Here in Pennsylvania we are already seeing the impacts of global warming, including the recent historic level flooding events. Delaware County is seeing some of its worst floodings in years.

Several towns were hit hard by Tropical Storm Isaias in August. RGGI is a big piece of the puzzle to help mitigate the effects of climate change. RGGI will help the environment, economy, and the health of Pennsylvanians.

New Jersey is getting \$80 Million Dollars every year in RGGI money to invest in cleaner and healthier environment, and it will help the state with its economic recovery from COVID.

We are in the midst of a raging pandemic, an economic recession, a crisis of structural racism and an escalating climate emergency. The best chance for making progress on any of these issues is to tackle them all together. RGGI money can be used for 'Green Recovery'. A well-designed recovery could lock in decades of low-carbon emissions. It could reap the public health benefits that come along with replacing air-polluting energy sources with clean energy generation. And it could steer benefits, like good jobs that can't be offshored, to the communities that have historically been left out of economic opportunity.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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