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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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The switch from fossil fuels such as coal and oil to clean energy like wind and solar will not be welcomed by everyone, but it is critically important for the planet's survival, thus our survival. We are running out of time to turn this ship of destruction around, and bold action is needed right now.

Yes, some jobs will be phased out, but new ones will emerge. My grandfather came to this country from Ireland at the age of 15 as an indentured servant to a blacksmith. Blacksmithing was an important job in the 1880's because everyone depended upon horses for transportation. When horses were replaced by automobiles starting in the early 1900's, many blacksmiths lost their jobs. My grandfather had to pivot. He learned how to repair car engines and opened the first gasoline and auto repair station in Summt, NJ. I'm sure that was difficult and scary, but it needed to be done because the world was not going to go backwards and he was clearsighted enough to see that there was an opportunity in the transition. He did very well for himself and his family.

Similarly, our country and the world MUST stop burning fossil fuels and shift to renewable energy if our children are to have an Earth to call home. This is not political, but rather life and death science. Fossil fuels will be phased out (quickly, I hope), but if the government does this right, displaced workers can be retrained for jobs in the renewable energy sector.

We need to be smart. We can't continue poisoning our planet and causing devastating climate change for the short term advantage of fossil fuel dollars. Those dollars won't stop the

destruction of climate change, nor keep our children from getting cancer from all the pollution. As one of the leading greenhouse gas producing states in the country, Pennsylvania has a duty to clean up its act. We SHOULD be part of the RGGI.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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