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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:

More taxes that will trickle down when your constituents can least afford it. Residents of PA have 'enjoyed' almost one in three businesses being shut during the Covid response, so I'm not sure how we are supposed to pay higher electric bills. We are in our homes much more now, not just for 'work from home', but also for children's schooling - so it just follows that homes will be picking up higher utility costs. In addition, we are still paying for schools that are being used part-time (if at all) by students and full-time by teachers. School facilities that are not being fully utilized but still must be heated, cooled and maintained while being funded by increasing property taxes. Maybe we could delay this additional tax until people are on a more stable financial footing? Maybe we could stop developing every square inch of empty space and then paving it? Maybe we could give tax breaks to people who have grass and trees (that help the environment) instead of to corporations that build giant buildings and parking lots?

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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