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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:

I urge Pennsylvania's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) for several critical reasons:

- 1. Shifting to renewable energy is paramount due to the scientifically supported human contribution of extractive sources of energy to climate change;
- 2. The current and increasing human suffering if we don't vigorously address the human causes of climate change, including the negative impact of extractive sources of energy (coal, oil, and natural gas);
- 3. Extractive industries negatively impact the health and life span of residents of our fellow citizens, especially those who live in marginalized communities, near the sources of pollution;
- 4. Investment in green energy is much better for the economy, already increasing, beyond those available in extractive industries, the number of well paying jobs in the Commonwealth;
- 5. Many well respected financial advisors and economists have concluded that investment in greenhouse gas causing industries are losing propositions.

The Pennsylvania constitution enshrines our citizens' rights to clean air and water. I want myself and my fellow citizens to not only enjoy the benefits of these rights, but also all the other benefits I have noted above.

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