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## 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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To whom it may concern,

I am opposed to Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Joining this consortium would impose a carbon tax on electricity production, raising energy bills for consumers and making the state's energy industry less competitive with neighboring states.

To be financially responsible, a person can try to earn more or spend less. I'm not sure why we are trying to force people to spend more money, especially without getting anything intrinsically valuable. Although I am opposed to this legislation at any time, I think that especially now with so many Pennsylvanians struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing this up now is a horrible idea.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely, Jessica Shirley

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