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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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There is no agreement among the scientific community that we can impact climate changes by hobbling our economy through aggressive reductions in the availability of fossil fuels. The long view of history shows that America has in fact become one of the cleaner nations of the world with regards to carbon emissions.

Additionally, all such tax proposals should be undertaken only after a rigorous analysis of the economic and quality of life implications of the rule under consideration. It is clear the people that will most negatively impacted are those who will be unable to pay the newly raised costs for gasoline and heating fuel. The negative impacts to our state economy will be dramatic. We already have the highest gasoline in the nation. Increasing them further only further hurt Pennsylvanians.

This rule must not be implemented through executive action. It should be debated in the state legislature and only implemented if passed by that body. To do otherwise would be an illegal usurpation of the Legislature's sole constitutional prerogative of taxation. This power is not given to the Governor to exercise through executive action, and for good reason. Should the Governor enact this new tax without legislative action, that would be an intentionally unconstitutional action, which not only will be reversed by the courts, but may also lead to the Governor's impeachment for willfully violating the Constitution.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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