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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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Dear Rulemakers,

My name is Dana Siler. I am a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania. I am also a mother of two small children - ages 5 and 9. They will be 30's in the middle of this century, and they are likely to live to see the end of this century. The decisions we make here and now will directly impact the quality of life they will have. Our decision to cut greenhouse gas emissions now will help make it possible to live a life we have come to view as normal. If we fail to address climate change here and now, we will fail their generation. Some of the worst consequences of climate change may come to pass if we fail to act now. Even now, the Defense Department is warning that climate change is a threat multiplier which will make the world less safe, less stable(1). Climate change will bring more wars as people fight over scarcer supplies of food and water. Climate change will cause damage to our economy in supercharged storms, wildfires of increasing intensity, and a more intense hurricane season. Even now, the city of Pittsburgh where I live, is starting to see some of the effects of climate change. Pittsburgh is having wetter summers which has caused

hillsides in neighborhoods like Mount Washington to have land slides (2). A dear friend is worried about losing her house or spending large sums of money to prevent her backyard from sliding over the hill. Also, a warmer and wetter climate here in Pittsburgh has increased the incidence of Lyme disease. When I was a kid, Lyme disease was unheard of when we walked through the woods. Now, when the kids come inside from the outdoors, we must check them from head to foot for ticks (3)(4).

I want my kids to inherit a world with coral reefs and polar bears that live in the wild. I want my kids to enjoy electricity from renewable sources. I want my kids to live in a peaceful world where millions of people do not become climate refugees.

Having Pennsylvania join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative is the right thing to do for future generations. It is time to send burning coal to the dustbin of history and replace it clean, renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,
Dana Siler

- (1) https://www.eesi.org/files/IssueBrief_Climate_Change_Security_Implications.pdf
- (2) <https://www.post-gazette.com/local/city/2018/10/10/Pittsburgh-Allegheny-County-landslides-PennDOT-budget-rainfall-records-Bill-Peduto/stories/201810080141>
- (3) <https://www.post-gazette.com/news/environment/2020/08/07/ticks-Lyme-disease-risks-Allegheny-County-blacklegged-tick/stories/202008040138>
- (4) https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/pubs/vector-borne-disease-final_508.pdf

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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