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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:

Dear Environmental Quality Board,

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) should adopt the proposed CO2 Budget Trading Program, which would enable us to work with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) states to cut our carbon pollution.

We are in a growing climate crisis, and excess heat is already impacting our health, environment, and economy. This rule will create a cap on carbon emissions with each ton available under the cap represented by an emissions allowance. Electric generators larger than 25 megawatts will need to obtain allowances equal to the pollution they emit, most of which will be purchased through an auction with proceeds deposited in Pennsylvania's Clean Air Fund.

Money from the Clean Air Fund can then be invested in projects that will help fight climate change, promote clean energy and energy efficiency, and otherwise reduce air pollution. In doing so, this will bring thousands of jobs to Pennsylvania and increase our gross state product by nearly \$2 billion.

The framers of our state's Constitution had the foresight to include an environmental rights amendment that makes it clear we have a responsibility to protect our environment not only to

ourselves but also for generations yet to come. It is vital that we do our part and cut carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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