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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,

It's time! We the People of Pennsylvania should not have to be begging to get our state to join a coalition that has already developed to try to address the problem of global warming. It should be a no-brainer since the coalition already exists and we can join. Not having to do this alone is a win-win. OK, Republicans, it is time you all wake up and finally acknowledge that what you all know, is really true and that we must aggressively address it, NOW.

So, I'm writing to urge the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) to adopt the proposed CO2 Budget Trading Program, which would enable us to work together with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) states to cut our carbon pollution without delay.

We are in the midst of a growing climate crisis with all ten of the warmest years on record occurring since 2005, and with 2020 on course to be the second-hottest year ever. In Pennsylvania, excess heat is already impacting our health, the environment, and our economy. We cannot afford to ignore the crisis any longer. We must act now.

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 about a net increase of 27,000 jobs to Pennsylvania and increase our gross state product by nearly \$2 billion. This is the sort of action we need.

The framers of our state's Constitution had the foresight to include an environmental rights amendment which makes it clear we have a responsibility to protect our environment not only for ourselves but also for generations yet to come. It is vital that we do our part and cut carbon pollution and join a coalition that has plans to do that. R.Sheets

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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