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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:

I am writing to express my support of the program to reduce CO2 emissions from sources within the Commonwealth and establish participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). This is absolutely a step in the right direction for the state, particularly in the Pittsburgh region.

As a resident of the community for the past 10 years, air quality continues to be a big concern for myself along with other neighbors. According to the American Lung Association's "State of the Air" report, the Pittsburgh region was the eighth-most polluted in the nation for airborne particle pollution or soot. As an outdoor enthusiast who bikes and runs, I worry about how the air quality is affecting my health. I hear and read reports that doesn't help improve my confidence that the region is working to improve the overall air quality. Pittsburgh boasts about being a very liveable city, but until the air quality improves, Pittsburgh will likely lag behind other cities of comparable amenities and cost of living.

At a state-level, Pennsylvania ranks third worst in CO2 emissions, only behind Texas and California. This too is reason for concern given how many other Commonwealth residents are also having to breathe harmful air.

It's time that we move away from fossil fuels and embrace sustainable, renewable energy. With the proper programs, we can transition our fossil fuel workers into this alternative energy

industry.

Thanks for the consideration of my comments. I'm excited to see how the Commonwealth can work to improve its air quality through programs like this one.

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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