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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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Climate change is real and only a fool would say that it is not happening. However the reason for climate change is still debatable. The effect that man made green house gasses have on the the environment has not been validated and is purely opinionated on both sides. Around 1000 years ago the Vikings traveled to Asia by rowing their boats across the Arctic Ocean as there was no polar ice cap. Today we find evidence of their settlements well inland. Not because these coastal dwellers traveled inland but because the sea levels were much higher then. Many experts point to this as an example of the natural cycles that the earth goes through. At this point in time we are faced with the pandemic causing so many people to be out of work and our economy under threat from unfair foreign competition, gasoline prices on the rise, and good high paying manufacturing jobs on the wain. Never is a good time to raise taxes but now is the worst of all times to do so. I am against this so called "carbon tax" and will vote against any politician who supports it. I am in support of Pennsylvania energy production – and against new taxes. It will only put even more people out of work. There are better ways to reduce CO2 such as planting new trees and replenishing the forests. Develop more efficient solar cells. The solar cell as it is today is inefficient, large, costly, and has a short productive life span. Fifty years ago a small transistor radio with 12 transistors was the size of a mans fist. Today we can put 1000 transistors on a pin head. Why are we not developing the solar cell to be small and efficient, low cost, and with long life? Forget the tax and address the issue properly and stop trying to force your will on the people of PA.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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