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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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While those in favor of this proposal cite the widespread agreement among climate scientists about human activity causing changes to global climate, that is not an informative observation. Of course, humans have an effect on climate, but so do volcanoes, wild fires, and meteorites among virtually everything else. What I would like to see before any more climate legislation proceeds is a comparison of what may be saved by #7-559 to the CO2 emissions from said volcanoes and wild fires, keeping in mind that the severity of wild fires can be reduced by better forest management.

Volcanoes not only emit CO2, but they also spew ash that essentially shades the earth thereby reducing solar warming as do wild fires as I experienced when I visited Mt Rushmore this past September where smoke from the west coast wild fires cast a gray haze everywhere. It did make for some pretty spectacular sunrises though.

Another thing is that I do not think any conclusions should be made on historical climate records from the past 100-200 years of a planet that is more than 4 BILLION years old. There is scientific proof that the earth has been hotter in the past during the Egyptian Empire and the Middle Age Warming Period. And the fact that oil is found in the far north of the world shows that not only has the earth been hotter, but also that there were no polar ice caps at one time. Additional scientific proof shows that CO2 levels have been as high as 7000 PPM (vs today's 400

PPM).....during ice ages. Some of these things have been pointed by our own Penn State educated meteorologist Joe Bastardi who I guess would be called a climate denier.

What I want to accomplish with this comment is not to prove right or wrong, but to create doubt among the consensus of the climate scientists and those who follow them. The causes of global climate change cannot be determined by opinion and limited observation. If those are wrong or their influence overstated, we will inconvenience ourselves for nothing.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

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