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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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Pennsylvania is currently suffering great harm from the pandemic, with many jobs lost, many small businesses closed forever, and no end of the pandemic in sight. This is NOT the right time to increase the tax burden in the state, especially since the proposed tax will increase the cost of electricity when people are already having trouble paying bills, and since the tax will hurt an industry that's providing jobs during this dark time.

The tax will also hurt Pennsylvania long term because Pennsylvania is not a New York or New Jersey that gets significant revenue from the finance industry, Pennsylvania is more like an energy producer and industrial state like Ohio. Therefore the tax would hurt the competitiveness of Pennsylvania's economy, which at this point needs to be bolstered, not suppressed.

Given that CO2 emissions in Pennsylvania are already decreasing, implementing this tax would make no sense whatsoever,

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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