



To whom this may concern,

I am writing this letter to express my opposition to Governor Wolf forcing Pennsylvania to join RGGI. There are a number of reasons for my opposition:

1. Our air is clean and getting cleaner than it has ever been. We already exceed air quality standards set by Governor Wolf himself.
2. Our air currents typically run from West to East from Ohio and West Virginia. The coal stations in these two states are in beginning stages of ramping up to burn more coal with the potential demise of Indiana county's coal stations. These stations have not invested as much in cleaning technology as our local plants have. The result will be dirtier air in Pennsylvania instead of cleaner air.
3. The financial damage to Pennsylvania and Indiana county in particular will be enormous. There will be large losses in mining, trucking and construction. There are no firm plans in place to replace these jobs. Just some vague talk about maybe some green jobs coming in to replace the lost jobs but nothing definite.
4. There will be no hundreds of millions of dollars in in color tax collections because the plants will close. There will be large losses in business taxes, sales taxes, wage taxes, county taxes and school property taxes.

5. The Homer City plant in the Homer Center school district is in the most precarious financial position of all the other plants and will be the first one to close, most likely shortly after adoption of R 661. Homer Center derives a large portion of its school taxes from the plant. Closure will result in large tax increases to homeowners in the district. I am a senior citizen with a home in the district. I am on a fixed income and a large tax increase is a burden I am ill prepared to handle.

6. In these uncertain financial times the loss of any industry and resulting loss of jobs and tax revenue should not even be considered.

7. Basic fairness dictates that a plan of this magnitude should not be imposed by executive order. The legislators in the house and senate should be involved in negotiations in order to remedy any damage that may result.

8. In summary the plant closures, loss of jobs and tax revenue, increases in electricity costs place an undue burden on Pennsylvanians, particularly in Anderson county where I live. I therefore completely oppose R 661 and ask that it not be implemented.

Sincerely,

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