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Comments entered:

I am writing to express my support for Pennsylvania joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Alliance (RGGI). I am frankly frightened by the alarming rise in the earth's temperature and the environmental consequences we are seeing as a result. There have been more named storms in 2020 than any other year, devastating fires in Australia and California, and record-breaking warming of the Arctic. The overwhelming scientific consensus is that this is largely due to the greenhouse gasses caused by the burning of fossil fuels.

The good news is that we have the technological know-how to make the transition away from oil, coal, and gas and to green energy alternatives. RGGI will help provide the economic incentive to make this transition more attractive, and swifter. For far too long, the steep environmental cost of fossil fuels has not been reflected in its price. This will level the playing field, allowing the green energy to truly thrive, and, in turn potentially create thousands of jobs. Economic studies have shown that green energy is much more of an economic driver than the fossil fuel industry.

We simply cannot afford to ignore the consequences of doing nothing. The Earth is warming. The evidence is irrefutable. Our very way of life is at risk. We need to do everything we can to mitigate this risk. Participating in RGGI is a reasonable and responsible approach that will help us do this.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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