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Dear IRRC Regulatory Reform,

I continue to oppose the RGGI. I believe the negative impact on small businesses will greatly outweigh any perceived benefit to the environment.. Bureaucrats are more focused on pushing anything that "looks like" it will benefit the environment without looking in to the long term impact on our economy. I believe they underestimate the negative impacts of the "green" energy. The energy and resources used to make wind power or solar power equipment, how long it lasts and what do we do with the equipment when it needs replaced are issues they tend to ignore.

As a small business owner, I strongly oppose Pennsylvania's entry into the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

The COVID-19 pandemic has made it especially hard for small businesses to compete and succeed, and economic challenges will remain for the foreseeable future. There could be no worse time to burden businesses like mine with the higher energy costs that RGGI would bring to Pennsylvania.

I am also concerned about the thousands of jobs that will be lost when coal and natural gas-fueled power plants in the state are shuttered. Even more jobs would disappear in the communities surrounding them and the small businesses that support them, including manufacturing, transportation, raw materials, and vendor services. The ripple effect from these losses would impact the whole economy.

At a time when Pennsylvania's small businesses are suffering, RGGI would just set us further back. This seems especially irrational when modeling shows that RGGI will have little impact on CO2 emissions over time.

Please reconsider this course of action and withdraw this burdensome, anti-small business, carbon tax regulation!

Sincerely,

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