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To the Commissioners of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

On September 1, you will vote on whether or not Pennsylvania will join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

I urge you to vote for Pennsylvania to join RGGI. We can't afford to delay taking action on climate change. Climate change is here now and its effects will worsen with time. I live in Montgomery County where we are expected to have more frequent and more severe storms. The more frequent, intense storms will result in more flooding and more power outages, neither of which is good for people or the economy. Storms this summer locally caused power outages, a tornado that destroyed a home, and downed trees. Summers are getting hotter, not only the days but also the nights, as less cooling occurs. In PA cities where people live in poverty without air conditioning, deaths caused by heat will increase. In addition, warmer, longer summers will bring more Lyme disease and other tick- and mosquito-borne diseases, adding to health care costs and suffering.

Joining RGGI will provide benefits for the climate and as well as the economy, the latter from investing the proceeds in clean energy. Whether we like it or not, our dependence on oil and gas will have to end. The proceeds from RGGI can be used to plan for a PA future with greatly reduced reliance on fossil fuels. If we plan, we can help those communities whose livelihoods depend on fossil fuel industries to transition to good jobs in other industries including clean energy. Without planning and the proceeds from RGGI, those communities will suffer more than necessary and many of those green energy jobs will go elsewhere.

Lastly, the biggest reason to join RGGI is to leave our children and future generations a state (and a world) in the best shape we can.

Thank you for your service on the IRRC.

Sincerely,  
Greta Bunin