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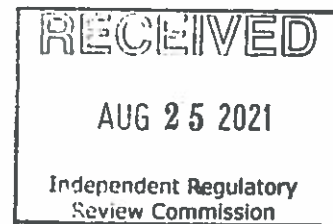
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Dear :

My name is Matthew Lockhart and I am a lifelong resident of Indiana County. If Pennsylvania were to adopt this regulation it would result in the devastation of my community's local economy, cause irreparable damage to our local school districts due to the loss of tax revenue and result in negligible impact on regional CO2 emissions. When Governor Wolf announced his intention to enter into RGGI, he promised robust public outreach and DEP's EQB rules as stated in their proposed rulemaking require that public hearings be held in the impacted areas in accordance with the Air Pollution Control Act. These public hearings should be taking place in Indiana County where according to our County Commissioners this regulation will directly affect \$1.3 billion of economic impact and 1,225 jobs related to coal mining and power generation. The virtual hearings that replaced these in person hearings were a disservice to our community. In the middle of this devastating pandemic I understand the problem with in person hearings. However that is not an excuse to ignore the rules already set forth in the regulation, but rather an argument that now is just not the time to push forward with this program or at the very least the timeframe for public comment should be extended until in person hearings can be held. The people who will feel the brunt of the impact of this regulation deserve to be able to have these discussions face to face, Indiana County is owed at least this much. This regulation is being force-fed to Pennsylvanians without any concrete plan of how these funds will be spent, especially in the areas of the state who's economy relies so heavily on revenue from the industry DEP is determined to kill. Holding these virtual hearings have allowed this regulation to fly under the radar and does not truly give those in the most affected communities a chance to hear first hand the damage this will inflict on their community. I am very concerned that this regulation will have negligible impact on regional CO2 emissions, which is the regulations stated intent. As part of the PJM grid if these PA coal fired power plants and some natural gas power plants are forced to close, the lost generation will be picked up by other coal power plants just across the border into Ohio and West Virginia. These states have made it clear they have no intention of joining RGGI because they know their generation will become even more profitable when this heavy tax burden is placed on PA generation. Why would Pennsylvania want to give up the great economic benefits of being an electricity exporter only to inflict irreparable damage to these small communities and send the economic benefits out of the state. Entering into RGGI or any CO2 regulation program is a decision

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too large for one person to make. It is a decision that should be made by our elected legislature who are most in touch with their respective districts. I believe this is something that every state currently in RGGI would agree with as they entered into RGGI through legislative action not executive action. While our state is still struggling to recover from the economic hardship of COVID-19 now is not the time to destroy the communities around these power plants and further burden every Pennsylvanian with higher electricity costs. DEP's own modeling confirms that this regulation will result in the immediate increase in PA electricity costs, but that they hope this will be temporary. The hope that this will be a temporary increase doesn't add up considering that RGGI states currently pay on average 50% more for electricity than Pennsylvanians do. Now more than ever is not the time to burden Pennsylvanians with this new tax which at the end of the day will only export the positive economic impact of power generation to other states while shifting CO2 emissions to neighboring states rather than truly lowering them. I urge you to reject the DEP's CO2 Budget Trading Program. If this is truly the will of the citizens of Pennsylvania, let it be implemented as our state laws intended, through our elected legislature.

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largest cost input for businesses, they will relocate, displacing our jobs and uprooting communities across our commonwealth. PA VOTERS OPPOSE GOVERNOR WOLF'S RGGI TAX REGULATION: By a margin of 60 percent to 29 percent, Pennsylvania voters oppose, "Governor Wolf taking unilateral action on energy policies that directly impact electric rates and jobs from existing power plants without the approval of the General Assembly." In fact, voters from every region of Pennsylvania feel the same, including, 64 percent in Allegheny County; 56 percent in Southeast Pennsylvania; and, in Philadelphia, 52 percent oppose Governor Wolf's unilateral action on RGGI. And, for good reason as this is an issue that ought to be voted before the legislature as it is a clear tax and as it's a major shift in public policy that will impact the entire commonwealth. NO HELP FOR WORKERS, LOW INCOME FAMILIES AND FIXED INCOME SENIORS: To make matters worse, adopting RGGI by regulation precludes any assistance to workers, families and communities impacted by job losses and higher electric rates as acknowledged by the Department of Environmental Protection and Penn State University. Many good paying, family sustaining jobs, both union and non-union will be impacted. All those jobs in building and maintaining powerplants will be displaced, but so will the industries that support this economic activity – down to the local restaurants, real estate agents, and local retailers, just to name a few. MORE ENVIRONMENTAL HARM THAN GAIN: RGGI will have zero impact on climate change. Ninety-nine percent of all CO2 reductions from plant closures in Pennsylvania will be offset by CO2 increases in non-RGGI states, such as Ohio and West Virginia. In fact, those states have been ramping up investments and subsidizing their fossil fuel plants in anticipation of RGGI. Worse yet, those plants are not subject to the same strict air pollution standards as Pennsylvania's plants, which means that increased pollution from Ohio and West Virginia will flow into Pennsylvania as a direct result of RGGI. Pennsylvania continues to witness the positive environmental impacts that clean, reliable, and affordable energy provides in a deregulated electricity market. Pennsylvania is already ahead of the carbon dioxide emission reduction goals established under Governor Wolf's Climate Action Plan and is ahead of many of the participating RGGI states, even while supplying these same states with energy and energy intensive goods. I am asking that you intercede on behalf of the citizens of the commonwealth, and on behalf of the impacted communities that have been denied their legal right to confront the bureaucracy that seeks to destroy their lives and livelihoods. Please reject this harmful regulation, lacking basis in Pennsylvania law and in common sense, all for a seemingly political power-play by the Wolf Administration. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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