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Dear Members Commissioners,

We oppose Regulation #7-559 (IRRC #3274) C02 Budget Trading Program (RGGI). We have seen the unemployment tragedy of many friends in Western PA when older coal-fired power generation plants were forced to close, as well as coal mines suffering greatly from the "green" regulations. Many jobs have been lost up to now, and the Reg #7-559 and RGGI will cause further economic and employment hardships.

PA citizens are already suffering and now you are considering an increase in our electric bills by 18 percent! You need to listen to 73 percent of PA businesses owners who oppose entering the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and the resulting cap and trade tax. How many of these businesses will leave PA and go to states that don't have these additional energy costs? How many Pennsylvanians will be out of work if you approve this move? The economic cost is incalculable and Pennsylvania must not go down this road to economic doom. With increased energy costs how many low income families, those on fixed incomes and the elderly will have to decide between eating or staying warm in the cold PA winter? That decision is in your hand and I urge you to reject Regulation #7-559 (IRRC #3274) C02 Budget Trading Program (RGGI).

Sincerely,

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