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Dear IRRC members,

It is extremely important that you strongly encourage and support the approval of PA DEP's proposed RGGI rule making at your Wednesday, September 1st meeting.

The harmful impacts to public health, the environment, and species loss resulting from a human-caused warming climate are alarming. The fact that climate warming continues to get worst due to the increasing amounts of CO2 and methane emissions from mankind's fossil fuel use for energy production, has been known for decades. The intensity of rapidly growing storms, droughts, floods, heat waves, fires resulting in the loss of human life, as well as billions of dollars of damages, is dangerous.

In 2018, Pennsylvania was ranked as the [4th largest CO2 emitter](#) among US states. It is time to start reducing our harmful emissions by implementing RGGI and transition Pennsylvania to one of the largest renewable energy producing states.

As noted in the [August 6, 2021 IPCC report](#), limiting CO2 and methane emissions is essential to preventing global temperatures from increasing and protecting human health.

"D.1 From a physical science perspective, limiting human-induced global warming to a specific level requires limiting cumulative CO2 emissions, reaching at least net zero CO2 emissions, along with strong reductions in other greenhouse gas emissions. Strong, rapid and sustained reductions in CH4 emissions would also limit the warming effect resulting from declining aerosol pollution and would improve air quality." [Headline statements from the Summary for Policy Makers](#) 9 August 2021

The fossil fuel and natural gas vested interests have, for too long, been holding on to the false belief that they can continue to extract fossil fuels. This is wrong for Pennsylvania and wrong for the survival of our planet.

Thank you for standing up for us, our children, our children's children, future generations of Pennsylvanians and all humanity to support RGGI and start Pennsylvania on the path to reducing its emissions.

Sincerely,

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