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Sincerely,

Gerrit Crouse
38 4th Ave Apt 2N
Nyack, NY 10960

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Dear RGGI Board,

For my home electric supply, I subscribe to an alternative energy source. The more support given to wind and solar alternatives the more homes that will take advantage of these non-carbon intensive sources. Please continue leadership to reduce carbon emissions in the Northeast through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

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Sincerely,

Calvin Grimm
PO Box 10
Shady, NY 12409

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Ken Illingsworth
64 Rutgers St
Rochester, NY 14607

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Thank you for your continued leadership to build a clean energy economy and reduce carbon emissions in the Northeast. With important leadership we can win this battle.

Sincerely,

Kathy de Vos

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Kathy Devos
16913 22nd Ave
Whitestone, NY 11357

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THESE ACTIONS ARE MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER!

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Lesley Brill
PO Box 123
Alfred Station, NY 14803

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Amy Janovsky
6 Snowberry Rd
Andover, MA 1810

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Sincerely,

Betty J Van Wicklen
41 Lakeshore Dr Apt 2B
Watervliet, NY 12189

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Sincerely,

Katherine Nelson
48 Birch Bay Dr
Bar Harbor, ME 4609

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Dear RGGI Board,

Please strengthen the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Ensure that the Northeast continues to raise the bar as America's clean energy leader, through carbon reductions and investments in clean, renewable energy options like wind, solar and energy efficiency, thereby bolstering our local economy.

Let's stop sending all our energy dollars to Saudi Arabia and Texas, let's keep more here, as we learn to use less fossil fuels and more renewable energy.

Our Governors need to lead, to cut carbon out of our electricity sector. Let's cut carbon pollution by 40% by 2030.

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Cathy Buckley
9 Orchard Ave
Waltham, MA 2452

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10 Jessorong Dr
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Byron Connell
50 Dove St
Albany, NY 12210

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Jennifer Meyerson
PO Box 923
East Hampton, NY 11937

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67 Wodenethe Dr
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Kim Mccoy
2 Estabrook Rd
Worcester, MA 1606

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This is what the Sierra Club suggests might be enough. I don't agree. I think this region should be 50% renewable, not 40% by 2030, and totally decarbonized by 2050. I think all the Northeast states should be as energy efficient as Massachusetts, which is ranked 1st over 5 years by ALEEC. I think all the states should have at least as much solar installed as Mass. and Vermont, which have 130 and 145 watt per capita installed. Maine has 10 watts. Conn. only 34 watts per capita (2014 figures), My Volt is charging in the garage now. Next week they begin to install a dual axis solar tracker.

Thank you for your continued leadership to build a clean energy economy and reduce carbon emissions in the Northeast.

Sincerely,

Russell Donnelly
43 Centerline Rd
Presque Isle, ME 4769

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Sincerely,

Claire Adams
287 Rolling Acres
Middlebury, VT 5753

12/4/2015

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Sincerely,

Clarence Maloney
308 Claggett Dr
Rockville, MD 20851

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

Keep fossil fuels--and uranium---in the ground. And keep wind turbines out of the water to protect marine life, exp marine mammals.

We have the technology for 100% solar across the country. Let's get to it.

Sincerely,

Allison Tupper
526 W 46th St
New York, NY 10036

12/4/2015

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Maria Celia Hernandez 12-3-2015

Sincerely,

Maria Celia Hernandez
54 Orleans St Apt 317
Boston, MA 2128

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

My husband and I had our house assessed by MassSave (Co-op Power), had our house sealed and increased our insulation, bought a new, more efficient furnace, and put solar panels on our garage roof. We did all this because we understand the urgency of global warming and the need to lower carbon (and methane) emissions immediately!

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56 Madison Cir
Greenfield, MA 1301

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Debi Wong
7609 34th Ave
Jackson Hts, NY 11372

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Sincerely,

Margaret Sellers
61 Red Bridge Rd
North Grosvenordale, CT 6255

12/4/2015

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I researched RGGI for a project in college when it was in its infancy. I was proud that my state and the states around mine were taking a huge step towards a sustainable future when the nation as a whole refused to. I believe with all my heart that RGGI was and is a good way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that so desperately needs to be reduced. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jaimie Frost
17 Silver Doe Ln
Merrimack, NH 3054

12/4/2015

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101 Coniston Dr
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Phyllis Italiano
104 Pembroke Dr
East Hampton, NY 11937

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Sincerely,

Susanne Braham
2 E End Ave Apt 5F
New York, NY 10075

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

The RGGI program in the Northeast has been not only a remarkably effective means of improving efficiency and sustainability and reducing carbon emissions, but has provided a model for other states and regions to attack the same problems and achieve similar goals.

As it becomes more and more plain that our goals must be even more ambitious, we need to not only continue this program but ramp up our numbers to where we are reducing our carbon footprint 40% by 2030. This is an achievable goal, with the help of rigorous programs like this one.

Thank you for your efforts to lead the way in building a clean energy economy.

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Pat Hackbarth
235 W 71st St
New York, NY 10023

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No more Fossil Fuel, our future depends on it!

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Sincerely,

Jeannette Bartelt
530 Ellrose Ct
Frederick, MD 21703

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Philip Dooley
192 Goose Ln
Tolland, CT 6084

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Marietta Mautner
249 Acre Ln
Hicksville, NY 11801

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

In addition, I have noticed a significant problem with the fuel or "Resource Neutral" approach at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in energy chapters for town Master Plans, and in the RGGI programs. This approach has allowed customers to expend significant funds and opportunities on switching from one fossil fuel (oil) to another (natural gas). I believe that while weatherization and other energy efficiency measures should be implemented regardless of the fuel source, investing RGGI dollars in supporting a switch from one fossil fuel source to another via rebates and incentives serves to grow the natural gas market. I hope that future RGGI plans will discourage this practice.

Sincerely,

Patricia Martin
17 Farrar Road
Rindge, NH 3461

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

I got an error message for too many characters the first time I sent this. Trying again...

Thank you for your work defending New Hampshire's participation in the RGGI program through all the political storms that have sought to defund it over the last seven years. Although some ground has been lost, we now have an opportunity to strengthen the program with this review.

I recently participated in a brainstorming session with other members of the NH Sierra Club in which the following six objectives were developed.

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3. The RGGI program allows for a cost containment reserve ? that basically means the power plants can ignore the publically agreed upon emissions limits. Please consider addressing this paradox by eliminate the cost containment reserve.

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Donald Stribick
147 Hybank Dr
West Seneca, NY 14224

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Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Eve Duplissis
PO Box 2364
Lewiston, ME 4241

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

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RGGI has been a tremendous success in cutting carbon emissions and thereby improving our health here in the Northeast while also shifting us away from coal and oil.

I believe we need to make another shift, away from gas to some extent and instead toward using more renewables. We also need to put more effort into energy efficiency and demand response. RGGI can help with these goals by continuing to put a price on carbon emissions.

Focusing on energy efficiency will also create local jobs, as would working on modernizing the grid.

RGGI is a model of what we can accomplish together, a model that is being looked at nationally because it has been so successful. My only complaint is that here in NH we are not using all the RGGI dollars in the most effective way because we are rebating a large portion of the proceeds to ratepayers. However, RGGI itself is working well. Please continue RGGI.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Shepardson
94 Pleasant St.
Marlborough, NH 3455

12/4/2015

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Sincerely,

Nick Stanton
205 N Plain Rd
Great Barrington, MA 1230

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

Thank you for making Massachusetts and the Northeast a leader in clean energy and addressing Climate Change. This is something that I am extremely proud of.

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Sincerely,

Blossom Hoag
303 Linden Ponds Way Unit 301
Hingham, MA 2043

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William Labine
290 Genesee St
Avon, NY 14414

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Lewis Holmes
261 S Prospect St
Burlington, VT 5401

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Judy Brewer
388 Wilbraham Rd
Hampden, MA 1036

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Denis Dionne
50 Bucks Ct
Laconia, NH 3246

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Sincerely,

Debbie Farr
646 N Stark Hwy
Weare, NH 3281

12/4/2015

Dear RGGI Board,

Please continue leadership to reduce carbon emissions in the Northeast through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

We have done our part by building a solar house, which produces more energy than we use. The excess goes back into the grid. We strongly support alternative energies, and can hardly believe how long it is taking our governments to act. Perhaps it will be individuals and clean industries who will lead the way.

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