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Nicole Morris-McLaughlin

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As someone who works directly with marginalized people on a daily basis, I want to ensure that RGGI is benefiting everyone in the northeast region. Adding an equity analysis to RGGI as well as a 5% cap on emissions in the interest of protecting the residents of the commonwealth - particularly its most vulnerable residents.

Sofia Owen

I am writing to you both as Minister for Earth Justice on behalf of my congregation, Old Cambridge Baptist Church, and as a resident of a frontline community, Weymouth, MA, impacted heavily by current and proposed sources of fossil fuel emissions. For both reasons, I am concerned about the impact of increased emissions, especially on poor communities and communities of color, and on our precious natural resources. Here in Massachusetts, we are fortunate to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). However, we have no way to ensure that communities in the commonwealth are benefiting equally from the reduced pollutants.

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Betty Steudel

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Emily DeLuca

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Mary E Russell

I urge you to impose a stronger cap in the interest of lowering CO2 emissions to a level of 5 % per year.

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I also urge you to require all member states to conduct analyses of emissions on a yearly basis to insure that all are in compliance and continuing to improve their levels.

Cynthia Jackson

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Aline Gery

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Valerie Ritter

Greetings, Please support a 5% cap on emissions. It is doable economically and this will go a long way towards protecting our grandchildren's lives from climate instability. Thank you greatly.

Richard Thomas

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bev allen

I am fortunate that Vermont participates in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). All New England communities need to benefit equally from reduced pollutants.

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Hugo Liepmann

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Gilda Gussin

Many, many thanks for your good work limiting CO2 emissions, etc. So many -- or most -- people do not realize where the earth is headed due to global warming, and it's already nearly too late.

(Sorry, but please don't add me to your mailing list.)

Judy Larson DiMario

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Eisha Misra

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Beverly J Weeks

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Rachel Cote

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Children in Holyoke, for instance, have I believe the highest rate of pediatric asthma in the state. It was due to the nearby Mount Tom coal-fired power plant. The RGGI must be as fair as we can make it.

So it is compulsory to incorporate an "equity analysis" measuring the impacts of CO2 emission on localities, and capping emissions at 5%.

Adding equity analysis to RGGI, as well as a 5% cap on emissions in the interest of protecting the residents of the commonwealth - particularly its most vulnerable residents - are both vital.

Sarah McKee

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Elia Del Molino

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Especially at a time like this when our EPA is run by a climate denier and the justice department is run by a racist we need to do as much as we can protect our environment and people who are hurt environmentally because of the color of their skin.

Thank you.

Eli Gerzon

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Jonathan Kennedy

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Megan Stokes

I'm Michael,

Co-founder of Great Sky Solar, recent Best of Boston solar installation coop in Massachusetts, and thrilled to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

Hello.

So we're extremely concerned that there's currently no way to ensure commonwealth communities are benefiting equally from the reduced pollutants - and this is a health issue - quite literally a matter of life & death in some cases.

Here's what we see (and this is just the data talking): Lower income communities get disproportionately (very negatively) affected by air pollution resulting in higher rates of RESPIRATORY ILLNESS & increased costs for health care plus time spent out of work (often resulting in job loss) for those afflicted.

I mean, this is really bad, and obviously more than just "not fair." It's a death sentence for economic mobility, health, the ability to keep body & soul together for themselves and their families.

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Consequently, I YEARN for you to understand the importance of adding equity analysis to RGGI as well as that 5% cap on emissions in the interest of PROTECTING THE RESIDENTS of our shared commonwealth - particularly its most vulnerable residents.

You never know when you, or me, or someone you know will be in the demographic of "most vulnerable." We need to have a region that works for everyone to - AT MINIMUM - stave off the hideous effects of pollution for the greater good. We need bold and effective actions.

Thank you so much for your time reading this. I hope you'll give this grave matter the serious consideration it truly deserves.

Michael Monroe

Thank you for considering comments regarding the RGGI's current and future policies. I am grateful that at a time when the Federal Government is seemingly going backwards, we here in MA have the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). I am writing now to encourage you to adopt a much stronger cap - 5% increase each year and also to incorporate an "equity analysis" measuring the impacts of CO2 emission on localities.

Lower income communities are much more affected by air pollution than wealthy ones, resulting in higher rates of respiratory illness as well as increased costs for health care and time spent out of work (often resulting in job loss) for those afflicted.

Thank you for protecting all of us and particularly vulnerable residents in MA. Ulrike Nagel

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