Dear RGGI Agency Heads and Staff:

We write to voice our strong support for the states’ consensus draft program recommendations released August 23, 2017.

The Collaborative for RGGI Progress submitted consensus package recommendations to the states on July 26, 2017. Our goal has been to assist the states in identifying a strong path forward for RGGI post-program review that takes into account both industry and environmental interests.

RGGI has proved an effective mechanism for locking in carbon pollution reductions from the region’s power sector and did so in a flexible, market-based manner that will now extend through 2030.

We commend the states on an open and stakeholder friendly program review process. We are grateful for the opportunities we have had to comment on various issues throughout the program review. We congratulate you on a strong set of draft program recommendations and look forward to continuing to support the states’ implementation of these changes.

We urge the states to build on their success in the electric sector by developing a regional climate policy for the transportation sector. Transportation accounts for the largest share of CO2 emissions in the region, and lessons learned from RGGI can be applied to modernize, decarbonize and electrify transportation.

Sincerely,

Acadia Center
Calpine Corporation
Exelon Corporation
National Grid
Natural Resources Defense Council
PSEG