

## RGGI Clean Energy Support Letter

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_ or Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

As your constituent I am writing to urge you to **do everything you can** to support the proposed carbon trading program consistent with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). RGGI is not only proven to be good for public health and the environment, it is also great for our economy. Investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy can reduce Pennsylvanians' energy costs, strengthen business investment, stimulate manufacturing in-state and create local jobs, all while reducing carbon and air pollution.

Now more than ever, the state needs investment in a new clean energy economy. Pennsylvania has lost 450,000 jobs as a result of this pandemic. The clean energy industry lost more than 21,000 jobs in PA in March and April of 2020. An ongoing commitment to investment in energy efficiency and clean energy will allow these industries to become the jobs engine of Pennsylvania's economic recovery. Pennsylvania needs a stimulus in order to get our economy back on track. We cannot cut our way out of this budget gap; we must grow our way out. RGGI is part of that stimulus at no cost to the state or to taxpayers.

In Pennsylvania, the value of RGGI proceeds could reach \$400 million annually. This represents a significant resource to invest in distributed clean energy, launch new and bolster existing energy-saving programs, help develop the infrastructure for electric vehicles, and strengthen the resilience of our power grid. Since renewable energy and energy efficiency investments accounted for more than 90,000 jobs across the state in 2019, this additional investment will strengthen our economy and create more local jobs.

Please let me know your position on PA joining RGGI and how you will help. I welcome the opportunity to meet with you or to provide additional information on the benefits that RGGI could provide to the state.

Sincerely,

First and Last Name

Address and zip

Email address