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RE: Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative & Economic Growth

Dear Governors,

We are institutional investors that hold shares of many companies located in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) states. We also have locations and clients throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic. We hold investments across many sectors of the economy and see the value of clean energy policies in helping companies and investors grow profits, save money, and mitigate the risks posed by climate change. **In negotiations over the future of RGGI, we urge you to continue to lower the CO₂ emissions cap at its current rate, or more, post 2020. More specifically, we urge you to consider a 5 percent annual reduction in the amount of total allowances post 2020. By continuing to set ambitious targets, RGGI states will create incentives for economic growth and continue their legacy of climate leadership.**

RGGI is an effective and efficient tool for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, driving innovation in clean energy technology, and providing stable revenue sources for states to invest in energy efficiency and other programs. Since its implementation in 2008, electricity sector GHG emissions in RGGI states have fallen by 49% below 2005 levels. RGGI has raised 2.5 billion dollars for use energy efficiency, clean energy, and GHG abatement programs, all while electricity rates have fallen by an average of 2 percent.

Our support for RGGI is firmly grounded in economic reality. We know that tackling climate change is one of the greatest economic opportunities of the 21st century and we applaud policymakers like those in RGGI states who rise to the occasion. RGGI has been good for business and good for the region, but its work has just begun. Continuing or strengthening current policy beyond 2020 will provide certainty for companies to plan and invest for the future, making the region a desirable place to do business, and continuing to lower rates for consumers while improving public health.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations, and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

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Clean Yield Asset Management
Friends Fiduciary Corporation
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