

I'm proud of Massachusetts being a leader in science and action on carbon reduction, but as we realize the acceleration of climate crisis every year, it's not enough. We are no where near where we should be to make consequences of our human behavior what would lower co2 to below our goal of 350 ppm.

Please work on lowering your program cap to 5%, rather than the 2.5% which exists currently. With Pruitt as the head of EPA, and last week allowing more mercury into the environment, there is plenty of evidence how necessary it is for states to up their game. I'd also like to see incentives for our cities to go completely green as other, even republican run states, are going completely green. Green is good for the economy as well as survival. If Budweiser has just announced it's going completely renewable energy, you know green has to be good for business.

Accelerate the pace. and read Climate of Hope by Bloomberg.

Sincerely, Annie Hayes  
West Wareham, Ma.

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To the RGGI:

Please increase the cap on carbon emissions to 5% to reduce pollution. Carbon emissions are harmful to human and animal life as well as to air and water. We must reverse local and global climate disruption, which is a proven scientific FACT, and reducing carbon emissions is one of many steps we must take on the road to a safe and healthy future for our children and grandchildren.

Dr. Laurie Robertson-Lorant  
3 Meadow Street  
So.Dartmouth, MA 02748

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I support a 5% cap and an equity analysis.

Dan Edson

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Please add the following comments to the record for the RGGI 2017 Program Review.

You need to keep the region on track to reduce carbon pollution through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

As participating states consider the future of the popular and successful RGGI program, I encourage you to ensure the program is consistent with avoiding the worst impacts of climate disruption and meeting our state climate goals.

I understand that analysis shows we need to be reducing carbon pollution from power plants by at least 5% annually from 2020 levels through 2030 to remain on track to meet our climate commitments. I hope these continued reductions will become part of the updated program plan.

I just had a home energy audit a couple weeks ago and will be working with some local to DE businesses to get quotes on implementing the recommendations in our report. I'm excited to make the changes and hopefully watch our reliance on coal generated energy decline!

Thank you for this chance to comment. It would have been nice to see more about this process up on your website. I had to call a state rep in MD to learn little more about the process.

Regards,  
Debbie Heaton  
226 Jeffrey Drive  
Middletown, DE 19709

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Dear RGGI,  
We support the 5% cap and an equity analysis. Please defend clean energy and environmental Justice.  
Thank you,  
Miriam Almeleh

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I am a resident of Southeastern Massachusetts concerned about the effects of carbon emissions on the environment and on public health. I am requesting that the Commission increase the power plant emissions cap from 2.5% to 5% so we can reduce CO2 pollution faster. I also urge the Commission to conduct an equity analysis in order to insure that all communities are benefitting equitably from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.  
Sincerely,  
Susan L. Perry  
28 High St.  
Dartmouth, MA 02748

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Please require decrease of 5% per year of ghg emissions.

Doug Barnshaw, Springfield, MA

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I support imposing a stronger cap than the one proposed, one that would lower emissions at 5% per year. We need to do everything we can to counter the Trump administrations's inaction and opposition.

Sincerely,

Masha Kogan  
Brookline, MA

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I am very much in favor of the proposed regional initiative to limit GGs. In my opinion a strong cap on emissions would be very useful. I also favor the fee-and-rebate proposal suggested by ClimateXChange and nationally by the Citizens Climate Lobby. It works in British Columbia so it would work here as well.

Roger Conant  
153 North Valley Road  
Pelham MA 01002

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If urge you to lower the CO2 emissions cap to 5% per year -- and require member states to conduct analysis to ensure that all communities are getting the most out of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

Gail Fleischaker

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We need as much support as we can get in pricing carbon. And RGGI is currently all we have in the Northeast. Shame on all of us for not giving greater attention to reducing CO2 emissions across the board. Thanks for all that you as a Board Member on RGGI have been doing.

Sincerely,  
Peter

Peter Garrett, PhD  
Mid Maine Group Leader, Citizens' Climate Lobby  
ME, NH, VT States Coordinator  
202 Eames Road, Winslow, ME 04901

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Dear RGGI Board,

I am writing to strongly encourage to you impose a stronger cap on greenhouse gases, to lower emissions at 5% per year. Climate change is the most crucial issue facing humanity today, and I am very concerned about the risks posed by climate change. We need to do everything we can to increase the rate of clean energy adoption. In addition, as a public health professional, I am also very aware of the health impacts of coal and gas plants, especially on children. I encourage you to pursue an equity analysis to ensure that the program is being applied equally and not putting our most vulnerable children at risk.

Thank you,  
Suzanne Theberge, MPH  
Northampton, MA

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Dear RGGI:

Please impose tighter LIMITS on RGG's.

Also - include the emissions of carbon and other even more toxic emission/pollution from wood fuel burning in boilers for energy or burners for heat.

Emissions from wood energy and fuel, and the logging and manufacturing required to produce them are highly toxic, as are the particulates from these industrial boilers and burners.

- Where will the trees come from to burn this dirty, inefficient energy.fuel? And
- Aren't the forests needed now more than ever to draw down carbon out of the atmosphere? (As a carbon and GHG sink in every state with intact forests)

Thank you for considering the high value of intact forests in mitigating climate change, biodiversity losses and disease/health care costs!

Beth Adams  
Mass.Forest Rescue

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Dear RGGI Commission,

My name is Brian Pastori I am a resident of New Bedford, MA and I am writing in favor of lowering the cap on green house gas emissions from 2.5% annual reduction to a 5% annual reduction for in green house gas emissions. Massachusetts can help lead the way to a greener future by increasing cuts to carbon in our region, and forcing power companies to this more quickly is a good idea.

The money generated through this program is used to help low and moderate income families especially in environmental justice communities become more energy efficient, which also helps to reduce heating and cooling emissions. In a critical time for the planet and our ability to curb Global Warming the 5% annual reduction in emissions is a step in the right direction.

I urge the commission to approve the 5% annual reduction and continue to protect the planet by cutting fossil fuel emission in the region

Sincerely,

Brian Pastori  
New Bedford, MA

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Dear Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative,

Thank you for all you do to keep our air clean and to keep our planet safe. I'm writing today to encourage you to increase the cap on emissions to 5% so that we continue to create incentives to move towards renewable energy that is carbon neutral. New England is resource rich, and the opportunities to creatively displace emission sources require these incentives to facilitate them more quickly.

In encourage you to raise the cap to 5%.

Sincerely,  
Diana M. Painter  
14 William Street, 2N  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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Dear RGGI regulator-

I applaud your involvement in the RGGI program and commitment to reduce pollution. I feel the present 2.5% yearly increase in carbon emissions for which polluting companies are assessed, however, is too low. I recommend that it be increased to 5% to enable meaningful reduction in emissions to occur sooner rather than later.

Respectfully,  
Jack Dean,  
Mattapoisett, MA

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Saturday was Earth Day and my community took part in a clean up effort. Residents picked up unsightly litter on streets, open spaces, waterways and parks. There are many ways in which we can clean up our earth and reduce pollution. Power stations should pay more for the pollution they create! I'm writing to you because I believe it is important to increase the annual reduction of the cap to 5% so we can help reduce pollution and create more energy efficient programs and renewable energy projects!

Let's leave the earth a cleaner place for our children and grandchildren! It's the right thing to do!

Sincerely,

Suzanna Trimble

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I strongly support increasing the annual reduction of power plant carbon emissions from to 5%. This month, for the first time in over 3 million years, carbon dioxide levels in our atmosphere have exceeded 410 ppm. If civilization is to survive we must sharply curtail the burning of fossil fuels.

Moving to a 5% reduction in carbon emissions would stimulate the expansion of renewable energy, encourage innovation and assure that Massachusetts remains a leader in the new energy economy.

Steven D'Amico  
81 Briarwood Drive  
Seekonk, MA 02771

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Dear Sir/Madam:

I favor the 5% option, since Cape Cod where I live is already being altered by ghg impacts on our natural environment and socioeconomic system. In the time since I arrived on Cape Cod in 1987, the water temperature at the beach has shifted from 70 F for a couple of days in early August to a couple of months each year in both Nantucket Sound and Cape Cod Bay.

This increase in ocean temperature has increased natural mortality in Gulf of Maine cod stocks which has severely reduced the harvest by fishermen/women. In coastal embayments adjacent to Nantucket Sound climate change and eutrophication have lead to the collapse of eelgrass/shellfish beds as nursery habitats. Inshore Summer flound are replacing Winter flounder which are migrating northwards. Lobster population on the south side of Cape Cod move offshore in the Summer into deeper waters due to the increased water temperature.

Flood insurance rates within the 100 year flood zone are increasing dramatically, while 40% of the homeowners outside of this zone are in the state FAIR system which contain 10-20% wind deductible clauses. I live outside the 100 year flood zone and I have been forced in my private insurance policy to utilize a 10% wind deductible clause. My neighborhood often loses power during Northeasters and occasional hurricanes which increase in power due to warmer ocean waters.

Something needs to be done about reducing ghgs regionally in order to counter these negative effects on our natural environment and our economy which is based on tourism; second homes and services for retirees. Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Dr. David D. Dow  
18 Treetop Lane  
East Falmouth, Ma. 02536-4814

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Dear Human Being reading this:

Do not reduce the 5% carbon emissions cap to 2.5%. Cap it at 3.75% As humans we need to breathe cleaner air especially in the cities. Or should we wear gas/face masks like they do in China?

I work with social justice organizations on humanitarian causes and environmental justice education. They have asked for a 2.5% increase to a 5% carbon emission cap but I'm open to negotiated benefits. {3.75% is better than 2.5%}

Regards,  
Kate Archard  
Brockton, MA

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I strongly support the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI).

I developed asthma after moving back to MA, and was shocked to find dark particles collect on the exterior of my home.

I was thrilled to learn of our State's incentives, which helped me put solar panels on my home. I'd like to sincerely thank anyone involved. However, MA needs to do even more to limit greenhouse gasses and pollution in all of our communities. Now that the Federal government is heading backwards, it's more urgent that we step up to curtail emissions, and also show other States how it can be done.

As a resident of Plymouth and neighbor to the Pilgrim Nuke, I'd like to strongly advocate against nuclear power as an alternative.

Thanks so much for your time and attention. We are lucky in MA to have so many pro-science, pro-environment and pro-citizen legislators.

Sandy Clark

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Dear RGGI Board:

As a long time follower of RGGI I am an admirer of all you have accomplished. I personally know of Maine businesses that have been made much more competitive by investing in energy efficiency. Those investments were made possible by Efficiency Maine (EM) incentives and RGGI was a major funder of those EM programs. Additionally the emissions reductions achieved while the economy was being strengthened has been impressive.

Thank you for all you have accomplished.

As a grandfather who would like to see that progress continue, I respectfully request that you approve the 5% cap decline. My understanding is that this would be consistent with actual emission reductions in the past.

Best wishes,

Tom Tietenberg  
11 Dylan Circle  
Waterville, Maine 04901

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I support the cap for clean energy in urban environments.

Dianne Quigley

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THANK YOU, THANK YOU for your consideration and vote to defend clean energy and justice for the environment!

We applaud your efforts to pass the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) which puts limits on CO2 emissions, charges polluters, and generates funding for energy efficiency & clean energy work in communities across New England.

We couldn't be more delighted and grateful – thank you for doing the right thing for our environment as well as this and future generations!

Jim & Nina Kelly  
Auburn NH