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From: Bob Bennett <ngbobme@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 4:37 PM
To: Crawford, Jeff S
Subject: Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

I oppose the Department of Environmental Protection's petition to take most of Maine out of the Ozone Transport Region. Weakening Maine's participation in this agreement is the wrong direction for Maine, including the fact that it creates an opening for other states to leave as well, resulting in more ozone pollution for Maine. Given our geographic position, we need strong clean air protections in those upwind states, and in order to achieve that, we need to stay fully committed to this agreement. Maine has some of the highest rates of asthma in the entire country, and we sit at the tailpipe of the nation. We need to continue to move forward on clean air protections instead of backward. For many years, our family had an outdoor, in-ground swimming pool, which we finally had filled in six years ago. Near the end of its "life," it was nearly impossible to keep the pool's water chemically balanced. We were consistently told by several pool supply dealers here in central Maine that a significant part of the problem was the increasing amount of foreign, airborne materials coming in from the west. Any attempt to diminish efforts to maintain high air quality here in Maine, or anywhere for that matter, borders on the absurd. Thank you for your time.

Bob Bennett

Sincerely,
Bob Bennett

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