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From: Nancy Bliss <mipa4@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:34 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. Thank you.

On a personal note about 25 years ago our grandson ended up in the ER with a bad asthma attack due to the air pollution on the beach here in mid coast Maine. We were not aware of the fact that we had bad air quality here in Maine. Since then regulations have been strengthened and there is a greater awareness of the importance of controlling our air quality all up and down the east coast and beyond.

PLEASE DO NOT WEAKEN ANY REGULATIONS. Thank you. Nancy Bliss

Sincerely,
Nancy Bliss

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