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Sent: Friday, August 03, 2018 12:36 PM
To: Crawford, Jeff S
Subject: Ozone Transport Region

Dear Mr. Crawford,

I realize the text below is pre-packaged, but it succinctly states how I feel about this issue, and I hope that you will consider all of the Mainers, and our friends and family beyond Maine, who would be negatively affected if we remove ourselves from the Ozone Transport Region. Please, please, please put Mainers' health and wellness, and the health of the environment we inhabit, above monied interests.

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.

Warmly,

Jen Bonnet,
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