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From: Folger Cleaveland <hfolgerc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 5:46 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.

Furthermore, have you thought that the relatively clean air we have for much of the time and much of the area may be the RESULT of the current policy? And if other polluting states to our west and south drop their standards it is Maine that will suffer. Much is made of the vital role tourism plays in our economy but, as I understand it, the higher ozone pollution is occurring in just those high tourist areas.

Sincerely,
Folger Cleaveland