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From: Becca Matusovich <beccascott2@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 7:14 AM
To: Crawford, Jeff S
Subject: Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

Hello -

As a parent of a child with asthma, I can see firsthand the impact of poor ozone days as we have both recognized that she is much more likely to have to use her inhaler just to make it through gym class or soccer practice. And her asthma has been mild so I can imagine that children with more serious asthma see much worse impacts. Therefore 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,

Becca Matusovich

Sincerely,

Becca Matusovich

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