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From: Sally Melcher-McKeagney <kennebecsal@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2018 6:47 AM
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.

I have been a nurse, an R.N., for over 37 years. I am very concerned that the health of our environment is affecting the health of our people. My husband, who has never in his life smoked a cigarette, has been diagnosed with emphysema. His doctor told him it's just a part of living in the world today. We have the power to change that. Maine has some of the highest rates of asthma in the entire country--those rates are increasing, for children and for adults. Let's leave the "protection" in the Department of Environmental Protection and continue to move forward on clean air protections instead of backward. Thank you.

Sally Melcher-McKeagney

Sincerely,
Sally Melcher-McKeagney

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