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**From:** Joan Newton <caliope@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 26, 2018 12:02 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. As a senior citizen who is easily affected by unhealthy air quality, I am appalled by the prospect of our leadership working to reduce clean my clean air protections. 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.

I love my home state, and I love the outdoors of Maine. But now there are many days being outside is not viable due to high ozone levels in the air. If protections are weakened, I certainly will be forced to consider moving to a state where clean air is a priority of state government. We need to continue to move forward on clean air protections instead of backward. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Joan Newton

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