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From: Brian Pulling <outdoorsbrian@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 1:26 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. Today, July 26, 2018 at 1:16 P.M., as I write this in Franklin County, Maine the air quality outside is horrible. I am 70 years old and have a medical condition related to my heart. I need to leave where I staying today (and not enjoy where I'm staying) and go as soon as possible to town and get in an air-conditioned establishment and out of this oppressive air (not heat). **DO NOT change Maine 's inclusion in this regional agreement IN ANY WAY. WE WILL BE WATCHING WHAT YOU DO. AND REMEMBER THAT WE VOTE, AND WE VOTE FOR THE NEXT GOVERNOR.** Thank you. Brian Noyes Pulling, M.Div., Minister and Social Worker, Maine

Sincerely,
Brian Pulling