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**From:** Eileen Purdy <e.purdy@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:22 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.

I am one of the "elderly" people warned when we have an ozone day. I am a runner and daily walker. I want and need to breathe clean air - and want everyone else to breathe clean air. I looked out the window today and it looked like Texas where I lived many years. One of the reasons I moved to Maine is clean air - and blue skies.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Eileen Purdy

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