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**From:** Maureen Stanton <maureenstanton41@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 10:57 AM  
**To:** Crawford, Jeff S  
**Subject:** Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

I vehemently 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 personally have asthma, which was first diagnosed when I moved from Michigan to Maine in the 1990s, when I was in my mid-thirties. Asthma diagnoses have increased in both adults and children in Maine. GLOP and dirty air are to blame. With climate change, milder temperatures, hotter summer days and longer summer season-- we must assure that we have CLEAN AIR TO BREATHE! It's so fundamental that it's incredulous the LePage administrations wants to take us back to dirty air. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Maureen Stanton