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From: Glenn Tikkanen <glenn\_tikkanen@twc.com>

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 12:33 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. Thank you.

On a personal note I have COPD it was 1st diagnosed in 2006 by the VA. My condition at this time is really a struggle to breath and do work projects and other more interesting projects. I have had to stop fishing and hunting in the Great State of Maine. There are thousands more like me in this state at one stage or another. What right does our Governor have to decide the ultimate fate of people like me. The cleaner the air I breath the stronger I remain. It is obvious as it has been for a long time the Governor thinks only about big business, his cronies and cares less about the people he should be representing.

No wonder we have such a corrupt government from federal down to county!

Sincerely, Glenn Tikkanen

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