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From: Grace Bartlett <gbart711@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 12:58 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.

We live in a state whose economy is heavily reliant on the outdoors. If, however, we continue to have more and more bad air quality days because of a weakened effort to control ozone emissions, it will negatively effect Maine's economy. It will also increasingly impact Mainer's health and work productivity. As individuals we can continue our effort to buy more fuel efficient hybrids and electrics, increase public transportation and its usage, walk more, and continue to invest more in solar. Yet, without our state's participation in this regional effort, we will be both going against the will of the people, but making it more difficult for Mainer's and our health and economy. Please do not change what is working!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Grace Bartlett