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**From:** Kathryn Begg <kathryn.begg@maine.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:43 AM  
**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 quite literally ILL from what the Trump Administration, the LePage Administration, the faux EPA heads are doing, have done, and want to do to our air, water, soil, and overall climate! They must be stopped in the name of the common good and common sense! Oil and gas exploration is an old man's game! WE must collectively support new forms of energy! Hey Republicans – want to make MONEY? SUPPORT SOLAR! What are the Republicans going to do next?! Will they underwrite the coal industry to the tune of 12 billion like the farmers?! ALL because Republicans don't care about anyone but their fat cat donors! The rest of us are expendable! And now I hear that the dark money that special interest groups insert into our political process will be kept anonymous! So the general public won't even know who the puppet masters are? That is outrageous! "I AM MAD AS HELL" (thank you Paddy C.) I have just written editorials to the Portland & Augusta newspapers calling for a class action suit against Donald J. Trump personally; for our collective sanity is at stake! 60%+- of Americans are informed and aghast at the bizarro world we find ourselves in; I am weary from all the lies and gas-lighting!

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Begg