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**From:** Neil Gallagher <hollowtree0511@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 3:17 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 spent my childhood in Northeastern Pennsylvania, an area ravaged by pollution from the coal industry. It has been a privilege to live the last thirty years in Maine and enjoy its much cleaner air. Do not take any steps that will put our air quality at risk.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Neil Gallagher