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From: Gillian Iltis <gillailtis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 5:14 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.

Having just visited my Pulmonologist with regard to recurring Asthma issues, and being advised that Maine is already exposed to pollution from other states, it is appalling to learn that there could be a weakening of clean air protection! What is going on here? Am I to assume that the State of Maine has a blatant disregard for the health and well being of its residents? It would appear so.

I strongly recommend that Maine maintain its participation in the agreement.
Thank you!

Sincerely,
Gillian Iltis

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