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Mr. Jeff Crawford
Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Air Quality
State House Station 17
Augusta, Maine 04333

Dear Mr. Crawford,

The Board of Directors of Downeast Economic Development wishes to add its support to the Department of Environmental Protection's CAA Section 176(a)(2) petition to remove the majority of the state from the Ozone Transport Region (OTR).


We here in eastern Washington County, a county which has never been classified as being non-attainment for the ozone ambient air quality standard, know first-hand how some regulatory requirements can be so debilitating as to discourage business investments and stifle economic growth.

As documented in the OTR petition, removal of those designated areas of the State from the OTR will not adversely impact the air quality in Maine or any other state. Furthermore, creating more regulatory certainty for those businesses looking to expand or relocate could stimulate investment and spur economic growth.

We strongly agree that states outside of the OTR have an unfair competitive advantage and we believe removing portions of the State from those regulatory requirements cited in the OTR petition could help to level the playing field and attract the attention of potential investors.

If Downeast Economic Development can be of any service as you move forward with the petition process, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,


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