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**From:** Barbara Kantner <barbara@tellink.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 3:44 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 am a person who has been directly, negatively affected by the recent multiple Air Quality Alerts, due to high heat, humidity, and increased ozone. I am both elderly (mid-70s) and have respiratory problems (asthma.) I have had to curtail my normal exercise and increase use of my medications during this period, and have often felt quite ill. Please vote to keep Maine in the regional agreement that protects our air quality!

Thank you.  
Barbara Kantner

Sincerely,  
Barbara Kantner

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