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**From:** Paula Kee <perkiepaula@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 25, 2018 2:47 PM  
**To:** Crawford, Jeff S  
**Subject:** Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

Ah, Maine, the way life should be. Except for just a few little respiratory problems, etc. Beside the fact that we depend on tourism and we won't have any without clean air, the health of our Maine citizens should be your number one priority. There is absolutely no reason to weaken our defenses against air pollution - in fact, we should be taking a stronger stand to ensure better health for our citizens - that's reason enough. Please do not support LePage's proposal to weaken our defenses against polluted air.

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.

Sincerely,  
Paula Kee

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