

Burke, Ruth A

From: Linda Monroe <elippu221@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Crawford, Jeff S
Subject: Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

Hello Jeffrey Crawford;

I am not an expert on the Ozone Transport Region, but it does make sense to me that there's a coalition of states with concerns about health related issues from pollution. If there's some good reason to pull out, then I'd like to know what it is - otherwise it sounds like another yanking of common sense agreements in order to retaliate against Democrats and 'regulations'. So, if that's the bottom line here, then I'm oh so sorry to live in a state where ignorance prevails out of childish spite - and sadder still that such a state will never attract the younger generation work force that we need.

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,
Linda Monroe

,