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From: Richard Osann <rosann@bonnyeagle.org>
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 11:09 AM
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.

It is shortsighted business planning to reduce clean air regulations when so much of our business is based on attracting people to come to Maine for its natural beauty.

As residents of Bar Harbor it is troubling to look at the sky on a clear night and see so few stars through the polluted air. I'm old enough to remember beautiful, clear starry skies. This makes me worry about the pollution I am breathing, much of which comes from the mid-Atlantic and Midwest.

Please keep our strong protections in place- for our health, for our natural beauty and for our future economy. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Richard Osann