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**From:** Elizabeth Patten <healthyfoodsmaine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 11:05 PM  
**To:** DEP Rule Comments  
**Subject:** OTR petition comments

Dear Mr Crawford,

I do not agree with the current proposed petition coming from the State of Maine that would exempt a large part of the State from the Ozone Transport Region.

The quality of our air is not solely dependent on companies operating in Maine. Indeed, due to our location, pollution from Mid-Atlantic and Midwestern states affects our citizens' health as well, so any attempts to lessen stringent emission standards by corporate interests *here or out of state* would harm Mainers and others "downwind," particularly those with lung conditions such as asthma.

Breath is life. It is precisely because advanced emission controls were not in place that many of my extended family members suffered from and died of lung disease.

Of course the bottom line is important to industries and their shareholders, but it cannot be allowed to supersede human health.

Moreover, if Maine [Dirigo] reduces its standards, it is not encouraging best practices for air quality control in other states or regions.

Thank you for registering my comments.

Elizabeth Patten, Freeport, Maine (Concerned citizen, retired, unaffiliated with any company or organization.)

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