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From: Caroline Thorne-Lyman <ctlyman@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 26, 2018 10:43 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.

I was born in Bangor and grew up in Old Town. Maine people have always taken great pride in protecting Maine's environment. No matter one's political party, we as Mainer's were one when it came to environmental issues. To weaken a law that would increase pollution is not the Maine way.

I also have a granddaughter here in Maine that suffers from asthma. She plays high school sports & on high ozone days, she has difficulty breathing & playing. As a retired teacher & school social worker here in Maine for over 40 years, I saw many children suffering with asthma and other breathing problems.

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,
Caroline Thorne-Lyman

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