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**From:** Martha White <martha6white@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 6:30 AM  
**To:** Crawford, Jeff S  
**Subject:** Keep Maine's Air Clean!

Dear Jeffrey Crawford,

Global warming and recent record-breaking temps in Maine make this more urgent than ever. If anything, we should be strengthening these protections. LePage's and Trump's deregulation efforts will one day soon be seen as crimes against humanity. Lives are already being lost and asthma rates are alarming.

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,  
Martha White

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