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From: Frances Woodring <fhwoodring@gmaii.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:18 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. 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.

I subscribe wholeheartedly to the above and wish to add and encourage stronger language with emphasis on who will be the beneficiary if weaker protective laws are allowed to pass. (actually no one.) The current administration seems to forget we are one country and should be supportive of the other sections/states, rather than be at war with them and trying to gain an advantage over them. We will all benefit if protective laws are passed that protect all of the country.

Sincerely,
Frances Woodring

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