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My name is John I [REDACTED]. I live in New Castle County. Thank you for this opportunity to comment. I'm here because I think RGGI is a valuable policy for making those responsible for climate harming greenhouse gas emissions pay to help us deal with the higher costs they cause. RGGI creates incentives for corporations to figure out how to function while progressively reducing greenhouse gas emissions and contributes funds to the states, including Delaware, to help residents meet the rising costs of energy and fund energy saving programs to reduce emissions. RGGI funds Energize Delaware programs that I've been able to participate in that helped me reduce my energy consumption. They have a list of vetted trades people who I could use with confidence. I used a company from their list to have an energy audit of my home so I would know what kind of projects made sense for my situation. I then could choose another company to do different things on their list of suggestions. That was a great help to know the people doing the work were trustworthy. But that wasn't all. I also got rebates for various projects that they wanted to encourage people to do and saved thousands of dollars. Knowing those rebates existed made it feasible to do the upgrades to my home. I was able to seal up my crawlspace to prevent air leaking into the house from below. I was able to seal up my attic to prevent air from the house leaking into it and pulling cooled or heated air out of my living space. And I could add insulation to my attic to keep the hot or cold attic from affecting my bedroom temperatures. All this reduces my utility bill. Those things help me, but not just me. The energy I don't use is available to other people. We are in an energy supply crisis. Projected demand is forecast to increase much faster than our ability to build new supply. It is much faster to reduce energy waste and increase efficiency than to build new generation projects. RGGI is funding an important part of the effort to meet our energy needs. That's not all, it also supports low-income households with programs to help them afford weatherization of their homes to reduce their utility bills and make their homes more comfortable. And also direct energy bill assistance for low income and fixed income families to pay their utility bills. It is appropriate that these corporations that are adding to the climate change chaos we're living in, making it hotter in the summer and colder in the winter, that they are being required to pay for the harm they are causing. They are making our utility bills higher by causing more extreme weather. Thank you.