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Good Morning Senator John Fonfara, Representative Vickie Nardello, Senator Bob Duff, Representative William Tong, Senator Kevin Witkos, Representative Sean Williams and esteemed members of the Energy and Technology Committee.

Thank you for raising House Bill 5466 AAC Climate Change. After two years of quarterly auctions of our region under our Cap and Trade program, know as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) it is a prudent measure to reevaluate the cost and benefit of this policy.

This bill would provide a brief pause in our participation in these auctions until the DPUC can provide the legislature with data on the effectiveness of the objectives and results of this policy. There would be a clear report provided to our committees for review of any expenditures

I have made requests on the various financial aspects of our statutes regarding our participation in this Cap-and-Trade program. It was hard to follow and understand the figures and correlate the dates and amounts of money from unknown sources. I am concerned that our state's energy customers are paying millions of dollars into these auctions without any transparency on the use of those funds.

I feel it is our responsibility to take the measures outlined in this bill.

I would offer a suggestion that an additional section added to the bill to evaluate if the program has an effect on the world climate.

Thank you again for your time and consideration of my thoughts.