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Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I was raised to believe in the same values: hard work, fairness, and the idea that no one gets left behind.

This mandate doesn't live up to any of that.

It's being pushed by people with deep pockets and easy access to decision-makers. The rest of us? We're the ones expected to figure it out when our old vehicles aren't "acceptable" anymore and the new ones are out of reach.

This rule isn't just about emissions. It's about who has the power to shape the future—and who gets stuck paying for it. And right now, it looks like regular people are footing the bill for a plan that never asked what we needed or whether we were ready.

I'm not against progress. I just think it should include the people who show up early, stay late, and keep this state running. The ones who don't have time for political theater—but sure as heck know when something's unfair.

You've got a chance to show you're listening. Please take it.

Sincerely,
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