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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board Board,

I am submitting a response to recent public comments today as a person who breathes in Illinois, urging the Board to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), Advanced Clean Cars 2 (ACC2), and Heavy-Duty Omnibus NOx (HDO) rules. Action must be taken by the Board as soon as possible to protect and ensure the health of our communities. With healthcare costs on the rise, that a majority of Illinois residents live and work in areas that fail to meet minimal air quality health standards and that global temperatures continue to increase due to fossil fuel use, Illinois can be a leader in clean and zero-emission vehicle technology, clean air and health by adopting these provisions now.

On or before April 28, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and several polluting industries submitted comments to the IPCB against adopting these rules, while ignoring the voices of hundreds of Illinoisans who expressed concerns about the risks to their health should Illinois fail to adopt the rules. The effects of these rules on the health of the people of Illinois should be the primary criteria the Board uses in its decision. Based on all the information submitted to the Board, it is clear these rules being adopted would save many hundreds of lives a year.

In April, metropolitan Chicago was given the title of 13th most polluted city for year-round particle pollution. Medium- and heavy-duty trucks are responsible much of this pollution as well as more than a third of the climate pollution from vehicles operating in Illinois. These harmful pollutants disproportionately impact lower-income communities, as these areas often are closer to major roadways, industry and freight yards where diesel vehicle operation and exhaust are concentrated.

I urge you, please stay committed to continuing to ensure the health and wellbeing of all people living in Illinois by moving to adopt theses rules.

Sincerely,

Sarah Farbman

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