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Illinois Pollution Control Board
60 E. Van Buren St., Ste. 630
Chicago, Illinois 60605

Responsive Comments on Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards (R2024-017)

Dear members of the Pollution Control Board:

I am writing on behalf of the Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI), which is a non-profit that collaborates to advance health justice through equitable policy, systems, and institutional change. We thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in response to comments submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on the adoption of proposed clean car and truck standards.

IPHI has been working in partnership with Illinois communities to advance health justice for over 20 years. From chronic disease prevention to promoting housing for health, our work focuses on empowering communities that have been historically marginalized, strengthening the capacity of community-based organizations, and improving state and local policies to create meaningful change.

We support the adoption of the clean vehicle standards—the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), Heavy-Duty Low-NOx Omnibus (HDO) and Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCI)—because of the air quality and lung health benefits these standards will provide for Illinois residents.

Transportation continues to be a leading source of harmful air and climate emissions in Illinois. The American Lung Association’s [“State of the Air” 2025](#) report found that 21 counties in Illinois received an “F” grade for high ozone days. Heavy-duty transportation sources are significant contributors to the poor air quality in Illinois.

Air pollution affects the health of everyone, but is particularly harmful for children, seniors, and people with pre-existing conditions, and disproportionately impacts people with lower incomes and people of color who are more likely to live near transportation corridors. Ozone (“smog”) and particle (“soot”) pollutants can cause various respiratory and cardiovascular illnesses such as asthma attacks, worsening COPD, heart attacks, and strokes.

Clean air truck regulations can support public health and reduce the negative impact air pollution has on communities. In fact, the American Lung Association [“Zeroing in on Healthy Air”](#) report found that policies supporting a transition to zero-emission transportation powered by a clean electric grid in Illinois could generate \$59.5 billion in public health benefits, 5,410 avoided deaths, 138,000 avoided asthma attacks, and 670,000 avoided lost workdays.

IPHI supports the request in the petition to adopt clean vehicle standards. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janna Simon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Janna" and last name "Simon" clearly distinguishable.

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