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Hello, my name is Jacqueline, and I am a long time resident of the Little Village community. I am submitting this comment in response to the EPA's position opposing the proposed Clean Vehicle Standards. I am disappointed to see the agency overlook the voices of community members who have shared how these standards would positively impact our daily lives.

If adopted, these rules would play a critical role in reducing climate pollution, improving air quality, creating safer, cleaner jobs, and ultimately saving lives. Unfortunately, we have seen strong resistance from major climate polluters who prioritize profits over public health.

Diesel pollution has a devastating effect on communities like Little Village, a historically under-resourced, Latinx neighborhood already burdened by environmental and health disparities. Residents here live near warehouses, distribution centers, and major highways. All sources of constant diesel emissions. As someone who lives and walks through this neighborhood daily, I can attest that we face not only crumbling infrastructure but also hazardous air pollution.

Personally, I suffer from an autoimmune disorder that is exacerbated by exposure to polluted air, triggering painful and debilitating flare-ups. Recently, a loved one experienced a severe asthma attack that required a week long hospitalization. An all too common reality in communities like ours.

I urge the EPA to prioritize public health and environmental justice by supporting the adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards. Our communities cannot afford further delay.

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