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Hello Don Brown:

My name is Donna McLean. I am a life long Chicago resident. **I am also lung-compromised with asthma.** I have spent the last 17 years volunteering for and donating to Respiratory Health Association as I believe in their mission to prevent lung disease, promote clean air and help better live better. **As such, R24-17 and the need for clean vehicles is very important to me.** I am sending you an impact statement for the public hearing on R24-17 on December 2nd, 2024.

I love living in Chicago. However, the population from the city buses (and vehicles) is deadly. I have to monitor clean air every day. I use apps on my phone. I don't leave my house if the air quality is poor. My mode of transportation is my feet and my bike. When I walk to my destination, I have to endure city buses idling in traffic on my route. This causes me to breathe heavy and hard. I have to sit for a while, when I get to my destination, in order to catch my breathe. Riding my bike, in the last 10 years, has become less of an option, even with the new awesome bike lanes recently created, because of the buses. Standing next to buses (and cars) at every intersection, waiting on traffic lights and city traffic grid-lock, denies me a basic right of movement and ability to get around safely.

Most people don't think about clean air until it impacts them. Last summer's Canadian wildfires impacted everyone. For the first time, Illinois residents were talking about how the air hurt their lungs and affected their eyes. They could see it. **Imagine this happening to you every day** when you are simply trying to get your every day errands done. You may not see it but with vehicle population, it's there.

Illinois is an inclusive state, ensuring equal rights for all. Given this, **all Illinoisians have the right to clean air.** Illinois must adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) and Heavy-Duty Low-NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules. I urge you to ensure R24-17 gets passed.

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