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Greetings,

I would have liked to have shown up in person, but this works too. I wholeheartedly want to encourage you to pass strict restrictions against auto and truck emissions in Illinois. Along with clean water, clean air is as basic a need as there is, and Illinois is not doing a good job at protecting it. The American Lung Association has poor air quality grades for a big chunk of Illinois. It can cause way too many medical problems for people, not to mention the stopping of the simple pleasure of breathing fresh air. Air affects you twenty-four hours a day; if you are breathing high levels of air pollution, you can find yourself in serious medical trouble.

And even more serious is global warming. Auto and truck emissions are a huge source of greenhouse gases and global warming may represent the biggest threat to the world.

We have the ability to accomplish good things for the environment in Illinois. You just have to look at people being able to swim in the Chicago River now to see what we can achieve. We just have to commit to making an effort to eliminate as much air emissions as possible. For if you are breathing dirty air, you can end up with a miserable life.

Please pass laws to eliminate auto and truck emissions not just to save money for the state on medical costs but so you can enjoy clean, safe air.

Thank you for reading this! Fred S. Delmastro