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Hi Don,

I'm passing this written comment along on behalf of Illinois community member Beth Johnson from East Peoria.

Thanks, Emilee Chaclas

As the mother of a 6th grader and a 3rd grader who attend public schools in East Peoria I am concerned about the air pollution that is affecting the lungs of my two boys. One way to reduce air pollution in a way that would benefit my children would be to do something about the pollution put into the air when the children are being picked up or dropped off at their schools. Both boys have ridden the school bus at times or have been taken to school in a car. There needs to be a way to cut the air pollution going into the young lungs of my sons when they are being dropped off or picked up. As you know air pollution going into their developing lungs is very harmful. Electric school buses would be a great way to cut down on some of this pollution. Also a strong push for NO IDLING by parents while dropping or picking up their students while they are waiting in a line of cars to get to the school doors would help.

- Beth Johnson

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