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Dear Mr Brown, Clerk of the Board:

I respectfully submit the following comment regarding the above captioned matter.

As a retired environmental professional who has dealt with stationary sources of air pollution, I am very concerned that there is still much work to do for mobile sources in Illinois, especially diesel trucks. Many areas of our cities have seen a rise of diesel truck traffic along busy highway corridors that transverse residential areas, and impact drivers who are caught in congested traffic. Some of the trucks are clearly very poorly controlled as clearly observed by the back smoke they emit.

As someone who has lost an acquaintance due to an asthma attack, I am alarmed by the Respiratory Health Association's "Dirty Dozen" report that Illinois ranks 5th in the nation for the highest number of deaths caused by PM2.5 diesel emissions. Clearly this is a public health issue that must be addressed.

I fully support implementation of advanced clean truck and clean car rules that will address this public health issue for the benefit of all of us, and urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to carefully consider these provisions.

Sincerely,

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