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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

My name is Felicia Minley. I was raised on the southeast side and I raised my three children on the southeast side.

I support the Pollution Control Board's adoption of the Clean Car and Truck Standards in Illinois because it is a crucial step toward reducing air pollution, protecting public health, and combating climate change. These standards will help lower vehicle emissions, a major source of greenhouse gases and toxic pollutants in our state. Illinois can improve air quality by promoting cleaner and more efficient cars and trucks, especially in communities disproportionately impacted by vehicle emissions.

Additionally, adopting these standards supports innovation in the clean transportation industry, creating jobs and driving economic growth while reducing our dependence on fossil fuels. This initiative aligns with Illinois' commitment to environmental sustainability and ensures a healthier future for all residents. It's time to take bold action to address pollution and move toward a cleaner, greener future."

Growing up near an industrial plant, pollution was an unavoidable part of daily life. The air often carried a thick, acrid smell, especially in the evenings when emissions seemed to increase. On bad days, a faint haze would hang over the neighborhood, making it difficult to breathe deeply. My family and I frequently experienced itchy eyes and throats, and my younger brother developed chronic asthma, which we later learned could be linked to poor air quality.

Noise pollution was another constant presence. The clanging of machinery and the hum of trucks moving in and out of the plant disrupted sleep and created a stressful environment, even inside our home. We couldn't open our windows in summer without inviting in both the noise and the chemical smells.

One of the most frustrating aspects was the lack of acknowledgment from the plant's operators. Community meetings were held to address these concerns, but little action was taken. The sense of powerlessness was almost as suffocating as the pollution itself.

Today, I still live with the effects of that environment, but it motivates me to work toward solutions that ensure no one else has to experience what my family and I endured.

Thank you for considering my comments.

*Sincerely,
Felicia Minley
Southeast side Resident*