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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am writing to urge the Pollution Control Board to adopt 'Advanced Clean Trucks', 'Advanced Clean Cars II', and 'Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus' for the health of communities across the state. I have family that lives both in Chicago's northside industrial corridors and lower-income chicagoland suburbs where exposure to diesel truck pollution is beyond common. I worry daily that my little sister will be injured by trucks on her way to school or even that the consistent exposure to diesel pollution in Belmont Cragin (northwest side neighborhood of Chicago) will harm her physically. My family in DuPage County is dependent on their use of cars to move around. They are constantly having to dodge large trucks in order to prevent accidents and are oftentimes stuck in traffic being diesel powered trucks which causes their asthma symptoms to flare up or even blurry eyes, making it hard to drive.

Communities in and around Chicago are deserving of breathing in clean air! The clean truck and car rules are a step in reducing harmful pollutants that have been historically harming Black and brown communities across the state. Air pollution is not contained within the constraints of borders and ultimately, entire communities are left susceptible to its health impacts. The pollution control board has the opportunity to mitigate impacts by adopting the clean vehicles rules today and current and future generations have access to cleaner air.

Best,

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