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Dear Mr Brown,

Please find bellow by written comments for the **Public Hearing on Clean Vehicles (also attached in word)**

"My name is Delphine Labbé, and I am a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, and I have made Chicago my home since 2019. I am part of the Sierra Club Chapter of Illinois and I am writing in support of the vehicle electrification and adoption of clean vehicle standards in IL.

Since I arrived in Chicago, I have noticed how my allergies have gotten worse and worse over the years. My allergies gives me chronic rhinitis and asthma, and I have to take medication to control it. While I have been able to reduce my use of medication over the years prior to moving to Chicago, the opposite is happening since I live here. I have to take stronger and stronger medication because over the counter ones are not enough anymore.

Illinois is the 7th most polluting state in the nation, especially in terms of Diesel pollution and particulate matter in the air caused by transport. This type of pollution has long term consequences on health which include exacerbating allergies. I feel those impacts every day and I know that many people in Chicago and Illinois suffer from the same symptoms and have problems breathing properly because of that.

The solution is simple, we need to reduce the air pollution in Illinois, and especially the pollution caused by transport! I am asking the IL Pollution Control Board to do something about it, to make sure that people can breathe cleaner air and stop living with acute allergies and asthma like me. By adopting the following 3 clean vehicle rules: the Advanced Clean Truck rule, the Heavy Duty Omnibus rule and the Advanced Clear Car II, the board can really make a difference in the air that the members of my community and I are breathing and reduce the consequences of pollution for all!"

Regards,

Delphine Labbé

