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Clerk Brown and Members of the Board -

I write to urge you to adopt the strongest clean vehicles standards in the nation. With Donald Trump poised to hand the federal EPA over to corporate polluters, it is imperative that states like Illinois act boldly and responsibly to address the climate crisis. Every time I see my young nieces, or my neighbors' children, I cannot help but wonder what sort of world we are creating for them. And I cannot help but fear the worst.

The transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Illinois. This threatens not only our climate, but also our health -- with the most severe harm being done to people of color. Illinois's most populated counties have received failing or near-failing grades for air quality from the American Lung Association's State of the Air Report; Cook County is in the top 1% of the most polluted counties in the United States.

This is not the sort of leadership we want to see from Illinois. Instead, let us become leaders in clean air, public health, and environmental justice. Clean vehicles standards such as those adopted in nearly a dozen states have already proven beneficial and cost-effective. We in Illinois can achieve and exceed these successes.

Those of you on the Board have the opportunity to improve the health and safety of millions of people, not only in Illinois but throughout the Midwest. You have the power to do a great deal of good at a time when so many of us are feeling miserable. You have the chance to help create a safer and fairer world for all of us, and for those who will come after us. Please do not let that chance pass you by.

Sincerely,

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