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Subject: [External] R2024-017: Public Comment
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Dear Don Brown,

Please docket this email as public comment for **R2024-017** in the Matter of Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards: Proposed Section 35 Ill. Admin. Code 242.

Thank you for receiving my public comment. I am a Chicago resident who lives in Pilsen. I support the Illinois Pollution Control Board adopting the Proposed Clean Car and Trucks Standard. These standards are important because our communities deserve the right to clean air.

Pilsen and Little Village are one of the most heavily polluted areas in Chicago. We have one of the busiest intersections where thousands of trucks and buses pass through and contribute to diesel pollution. We have high asthma rates, Cook County Jail in Little Village, Sims Metal Management in Pilsen and I personally live a block away from H. Kramer & Company: a brass and bronze foundry that the EPA identified as the industrial source that contributed to lead-contaminated soil in Pilsen.

These are the environmental conditions our residents live with, and these are the conditions our children will be raised in. This is the product of historical segregation and disinvestment. The City of Chicago has demonstrated to us, communicated to us, that this is intentional public policy. The Latino community is structurally being told that it is ripe for a shorter life expectancy, a multitude of health issues, incarceration, lead-contaminated soil, and polluted neighborhoods. This is environmental racism.

The Proposed Clean Car and Trucks Standard would resolve at least one of the many environmental issues we face in Pilsen. It is important that this is passed immediately for the benefit of not only community residents but workers as well. The Proposed Clean Car and Trucks Standard would reduce air pollutants in our community, reduce noise pollution for workers, promote zero-emission vehicles, and help Illinois transition to clean energy.

Many states are already leading the way in adopting this standard, such as California, New York, New Jersey, Washington and Colorado. Let Illinois join the movement to transition to clean energy, cleaner vehicles, and better air quality for our communities.

Thank you for your time,

Andres Guzman