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Hello,

I would like to submit the following comment in place of an oral testimony at the public hearing on 12/2/2024.

"My name is Nathan Apanavicius. I am a student at the Illinois Institute of Technology and a Bridgeport resident in the 11th Ward. I am here with the Sierra Club and as a member of the Sunrise Movement in Chicago.

Every day in the city I am surrounded by cars. My morning walk to campus on 35th Street sees me inhaling the fumes of cars, trucks, and buses choking our streets with congestion. And if that wasn't bad enough, my walk over the Dan Ryan Expressway is never complete without lightheadedness, bouts of coughing, or both. Moreover, I have even decided to reduce the frequency of my bike trips through the loop, for I get noticeably dizzy from all the car exhaust – a recipe for disaster when I'm riding in tight spaces between cars.

There is no confusion as to the cause of these issues – vehicle emissions. Poisonous gases spew out into our environment with seemingly no limit - carbon dioxide, PM2.5 particulates, nitrogen dioxide, and carbon monoxide causing asthma, lung cancer, heart attacks, heart disease, and other respiratory illnesses. To underscore the gravity of this issue, let me point out that Cook County was graded at F for air quality on high Ozone days by the American Lung Association.

It is unacceptable to sit idly by and allow ourselves to continue this deadly tradition. That is why I am asking the Pollution Control Board to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule, the Heavy-Duty Low-NOx Omnibus Rule, and the Advanced Clean Cars 2 Program.

Every day delaying the implementation of these rules puts more and more children, elderly, and even healthy adults at risk of serious health complications. As individuals in positions of power, I expect you to do the bare minimum and pass these rules in the interest of the health and well-being of myself, my fellow Chicagoans, and my fellow Illinoisans."

Thank you very much,
Nathan Apanavicius