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**To:** [Brown, Don](#)  
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Dear Mr. Brown and whomever it may concern,

I am Charity Stutzman of 27240 E 2600 North Rd, Lexington, IL. I am writing to express my unreserved opposition to the California emissions standards being considered, and to urge their complete rejection.

While I am in favor of electric vehicles being made and developed for those who choose to buy them, prohibiting the sale of internal combustion vehicles would have immense negative consequences for our entire state. For those like my husband and I who farm, and live in rural areas by choice and necessity, electric cars represent a huge loss of utility, and freedom. We frequently drive long distances within our state, and we frequently travel across several states by car. Having to plan ahead for a charging station, and stop to wait for a charge, would be a major impediment to timely travel to visit family and relatives, vacation, etc. Those considerations are added to the fact that Illinois lacks a power grid that could sustain the extra load of electrified passenger cars and heavy trucks, and also lacks anything resembling a sufficient rural charging infrastructure.

Although rural communities would likely be hardest hit directly, our entire state would suffer massively from other effects. The price of all of our goods and services would increase due to the strain on our transportation system. The loss of choice and freedom would deter people from moving into the state, and would very likely encourage further flight from the state. While my husband and I might not be able to leave immediately, this draconian loss of choice and freedom is certainly something that would cause us to seriously consider our options as soon as circumstances permitted. I cannot help but believe that many transportation companies would relocate across the state line. And with no one wanting to move to Illinois, how many businesses from other sectors might think about relocating to find employees and lower costs? I would expect to take a hit on our property value if we were to move, too—another loss of tax base our state can ill afford. And for what gain? Unlike California, Illinois is a windswept prairie, always exchanging air with our neighbors, for good or ill. And our current vehicles are already clean! My husband can idle a 2021 model semi in the shop without even the smell of diesel. Imposing these mandates would cripple the Illinois economy for no real gain.

I will close with an emphasis that we are not California. In terms of climate, geography, industry, population, and more, the policies enacted by bureaucrats in California do not fit the people of Illinois. Once again, I urge the complete rejection

of California emissions standards.

Thank you for your time. Respectfully,

Charity Stutzman