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Hello,

My name is Emilie, and I am currently a first-year college student at Northwestern. When I first arrived here in the Evanston and Chicago area for college, it made me so appreciative of the vast public transportation options. I am originally from Southern California, where we are very dependent on driving on freeways to get anywhere, so this was a nice, welcomed change.

However, just like at home, I have noticed that pollution from transportation is still a massive issue, one that I can both see and smell as I walk to my classes and explore this new area. One of my favorite things has been enjoying the beautiful, natural landscape that is here in Illinois. The large array of greenery around town and the views of Lake Michigan stand out as my favorite environments to spend my time, and it saddens me that it is slowly being harmed by our actions.

In one of my classes this quarter, I have been partnering with the Sierra Club to learn about pollution from the transportation sector and work on holding an event to raise awareness about the issue on campus. I have had asthma for the past few years, and the effects of our worsening climate – from wildfire smoke to diesel exhaust – all make it worse. A lot of the health issues caused by such pollution disproportionately affect communities of color and people who work in industries with common exposure to diesel. Still, the consequences of such pollution will ultimately impact everyone in one way or another, and it is crucial that we all do what we can to help our planet. The natural environment is also at risk from us continuing to pollute at such high levels.

I am writing to urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks Rule, Heavy Duty, Omnibus Rule, and Advanced Clean Car II Rule in order to preserve our precious natural environments and to protect people from further harms as a result of pollution and climate change. Thank you for your time and consideration.