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To: <u>Brown, Don</u>

Subject: [External] Public Comment on R24-17

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Dear Clerk Brown,

I operate a Farm in Central IL. Our farm uses all fuel powered vehicles because of efficiency to perform farm operations at the time the farm needs them to be done and without significant down time when operating. When a operation needs to be done, any delay in operation is costing the farm money. An Electric vehicle would not work on our farm without reducing the ability to produce grains or product. The need to stop and recharge a truck or vehicle for several hours would not work in the many situations that it has to run in specific time frame that is longer than what a single charge would do.

Also the cost of an electric truck requirement in the state would also make it very difficult to sell my grain compared to other states. An Electric vehicles requirement would drive the cost of trucks up and as such would drive the cost of moving grain from the farm to market higher which would cost us money/raise the price needed for our grain and decrease the buyer wanting to purchase grain from us.

Also the increased cost of electric vehicles would all get passed down to older vehicles as well which would make it much more difficult to operate our farm as we update and improve our equipment/vehicles. That drives our cost up which would either put us out of business because we can't charge more for grain or would drive an increase the cost of products of daily foods for all income levels to cover our costs of production.

This proposal would put us at a significant disadvantage to other states and drive costs up for all Illinois residents. And this does not mention the cost of trying to have an electric grid to support a charging station in all locations that need trucks. Nor does it address the issue that almost no electric heavy trucks today actually are being produced.

Sincerely,

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