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Dear Don Brown:

The Oak Park Climate Action Network (OPCAN) in Oak Park, Illinois, urges the Pollution Control Board to approve the Advanced Clean Cars II, Advanced Clean Trucks, and Heavy-Duty Omnibus Programs. We are a group of residents in Oak Park who are deeply concerned about the climate crisis and about air pollution and we volunteer our time to ensure climate legislation and ordinances are prioritized and implemented. These state programs will significantly reduce our emissions and help prevent the numerous negative effects of climate change.

As I'm sure you all know, transportation is responsible for just under 30% of Illinois' total emissions—the most polluting sector. Illinois' vast urban layout, multiple industries, and the fact that Chicago is a transportation hub make cutting transportation emissions absolutely critical to a healthy future. We believe that ACC-II and ACT/HDO are reasonable and effective ways to curb our pollution and emissions so that by 2035, all new cars and trucks sold on lots will be zero-emissions or low-emission.

If we do not take proactive steps to reduce emissions, changing wind patterns will likely trap pollutants over densely populated areas, irregular rainfall will hinder its clearing, and wildfire pollutants will inevitably spread from our neighbors. These changes could be catastrophic for our economy. However, if the ACC-II and ACT/HDO were to be adopted, the public health savings between 2027 and 2050 would likely amount to \$5.5 and 5.9 billion, 450 fewer premature deaths and 266,490 fewer cases of minor illness.

Progress in climate policy at the federal level is unlikely under this administration, so states must take it upon themselves to protect the health of people and the planet. By 2030, Trump's policies could increase US carbon dioxide emissions by 2 to 4 billion tonnes over and above what we would produce if we went forward with 'business as usual' transportation standards. Regulating the supply and selling of electric vehicles does not burden our citizens, but instead puts the burden on car manufacturers and dealers. This program is especially effective because of the multi-year phaseout structure.

Humanity and especially the fossil fuel industry has been damaging the planet at unprecedented rates, but the Pollution Control Board could align Illinois with the other states to mitigate the worst effects of pollution and emissions. We have been regulating transportation for decades now through smog controls, seat belts, air bags and the like because regulators and legislators realized the importance of these mandates for the safety and health of people.. It is time for an equally if not more important mandate to reduce pollution and emissions from our cars and heavy duty vehicles by passing ACC-II and ACT/HD rules. OPCAN hopes that you will do what's best for Illinois, our health, our ecosystems, and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration.

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