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Dear Mr. Brown,

These comments are being submitted for the upcoming Notice of Hearing on "Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards: Proposed 35 ILL. ADM. Code 242. This hearing is, I understand, for March 10-11-12, 2025.

My name is Deborah Levine and I am a concerned citizen of Illinois and a parent of a teenager who is so very concerned about the environment that he is largely refusing to drive in a car, fly in an airplane, or eat any meat. I am asking you to approve ACC-II and ACT/HDO now to protect Illinois's future and to contribute to pollution and greenhouse gas reduction for the planet as well.

I believe that we should be doing everything in our power to reduce noxious pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in Illinois. I'm sure you know that emissions from transportation in the US are the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions and further, that our country's transportation emissions are twice as much as other countries if you take the global view.

My biggest concern here is that carbon dioxide remains active in the atmosphere for 1,000 years. We are already close to a tipping point when the amount of carbon dioxide and methane in our atmosphere will do much greater damage than it is already doing today—and we know how much more frequent our extreme weather catastrophes are than they were twenty years ago. This accumulation of pollution and greenhouse gases is dangerous, unhealthy and must come to an end.

The beauty of moving to electric cars and heavy duty vehicles more quickly is that we can help people both save money (the total cost of ownership) and solve our problem of toxic pollution and planet-warming emissions *at the same time*. Advanced Clean Cars (ACC-II) and Trucks (ACT), if adopted, would move us away from polluting vehicles to a more cost effective and cleaner future. There is nothing to lose here. We only gain by adopting them.

Nearly 100% of climate scientists have told us that we absolutely must reduce emissions drastically in the next 5 to 10 years if we want to avoid temperature increases that will be damaging beyond anything we can imagine—and we must do this before 2050. Other progressive states have adopted ACC-II and ACT and I believe that Illinois needs to join them, and to do so **now**. What is stopping us?

I believe that all of us have a right to breathe clean air in Illinois and that we owe it to our children, to animals and all living things to put clean air and a habitable planet above the

interests of polluters and fossil fuel interests. In particular, I owe it to MY CHILD. **The Pollution Control Board can make a decision here that will help guarantee that right.** The reason I think ACC-II and ACT can work is that they call for an increase in the number of zero emissions vehicles over a long period of time but do not penalize the vehicles already on the road. In other words, this is not a mandate that is impossible to implement for most Illinois residents. Instead, it is a reasonable, fair approach that will cut pollution and greenhouse gas emissions over the next 25 years while at the same time ultimately saving people money on fuel and maintenance of fossil fuel-powered vehicles.

I sincerely hope that you will make the cost-effective and moral decision to approve these standards and that they be implemented immediately.

Best,

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