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Dear Mr. Brown:

My name is Catherine Horine and I am a Volunteer for the Respiratory Health Association of Chicago. I am here today to express my concern about the need for Illinois to adopt Clean Vehicle rules that would improve emission standards. To be specific, I strongly support Illinois adopting the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT), Heavy-Duty Omnibus NOx (HDO) and the Advanced Clean Cars 2 (ACC2) rules.

This is a very important issue for me as I am a lung transplant recipient and clean air is so very important to me as the air I breathe touches my lungs and the pollution could cause my transplant to reject. So this is life and death for me. When I have to drive in and around my community to go doctor appointments or run errands the air pollution impacts me directly. Vehicle emissions all come into my car and forces me to reach for a mask to protect me while driving. Auto and truck emissions are responsible for many types of air pollution and all forms of air pollution are concerning, but vehicle emissions are particularly harmful for the health of communities and impacts me directly as I have stated. Because I have to be so careful about breathing outside air, I have signed up to receive EPA Notifications when the air quality is in the danger zone. When this is the case, my transplant team has instructed me to stay indoors as much as possible and if going out I am instructed to wear a mask. I spent most of last summer indoors as my phone was blowing up with alerts about the poor air quality as a result of vehicle emissions. On the rare occasions I have to go out I often need to resort to using my rescue inhaler. This is no way to live.

But it's not only people like me, recent data suggests that some of Illinois' most populous communities are disproportionally harmed by vehicle pollution. People with asthma, heart disease, respiratory infections or other health related issues. I am here today asking that Illinois adopt better clean vehicle standards, like the Advanced Clean Car 2, Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) and the Heavy-Duty Omnibus (HDO) Nitrogen Oxides rules in California.

This would go a long way toward making the air we breathe cleaner and safer for everyone in Illinois and would allow me to spend more time outside enjoying fresh clean air and not have to worry about how vehicle emissions will impact my lung transplant.

Thank you.

Catherine Horine