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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board Board,

I am submitting public comment today as a person who breathes in Illinois, urging the Board to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), Advanced Clean Cars 2 (ACC2), and Heavy-Duty Omnibus NOx (HDO) rules. Action must be taken by the Board as soon as possible to protect and ensure the continued health of our communities. With healthcare costs on the rise, the fact that a majority of Illinois residents live and work in areas that fail to meet minimal air quality health standards and that global temperatures continuing to increase due to fossil fuel use, Illinois can be a leader in EV technology and health by adopting these provisions now.

As of 2023, Illinois was ranked 5th in the country for highest number of deaths from particle matter pollution per capita. Heavy-duty and medium trucks are responsible much of this pollution as well as more than a third of climate pollution from vehicles operating in Illinois. These harmful pollutants disproportionately impact lower-income communities, as these areas often are closer to major roadways, industry and freight yards where diesel vehicles and their exhaust is concentrated.

Please keep Illinois clean and Illinois residents healthy by adopting the ACT, ACC2 and HDO rules.

Sincerely,

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