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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board Board,

I am submitting a response to recent public comments 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.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) submitted comments to the IPCB against adopting these rules on April 28. In their comments they quote extensively from an unsupportive Trump Administration and polluting industries, while ignoring the testimony of hundreds of Illinoisans with health concerns. In that, the IEPA placed political gain and the fear of retribution above the health of the people of Illinois that they promise to serve. Based on all the information submitted to the Board, they know these rules being adopted would save many hundreds of lives a year.

In the American Lung Association's State of the Air report for 2025 also released at the end of April, Chicago was given the title of 13th most polluted city by year-round particle pollution. Medium and heavy-duty 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 vehicle operation and exhaust are concentrated.

I urge you, please stay committed to continuing to ensure the health and wellbeing of all people of Illinois by moving to adopt theses rules.

Sincerely,

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