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To Whom It May Concern,

I write to let you know that the Illinois EPA's report opposing adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards was deeply concerning to me. I was shocked that the IEPA did not even reference the testimony of many citizens whose health and well being are being adversely effected by the status quo of diesel pollution and other fossil fuel emissions from Internal Combustion Engines of all types.

As the mother of two children who suffered from asthma, exacerbated on days of heavy traffic on the interstate near our home, my heart aches for families who live in congested areas where emissions are very often high. I know how they must watch and worry as their youngsters struggle to breathe. Not to even mention their health concerns in your report seems callous.

I was dismayed by the omission of considerations of health, but also disappointed by what you did include. I dispute one thing In particular: the assertion that a switch to EVs will deprive the state of the resources to build and maintain roads, since it would mean less revenue from the gas tax. This assertion ignores the fact that the state legislature is quite capable of finding ways to raise revenue. E.g. Our family owns an EV. And the registration fee for that car is \$100 more than that for a gas powered vehicle. It is high enough that, arguably, EV drivers pay more per mile to the state than ICE drivers do for the privilege of using our streets and roads. The IEPA's plug for the gas tax sounds more like a talking point from the anti-data federal administration than a group of scientists in our supposedly climate friendly state.

I encourage your agency to listen to your citizens, go back to the drawing board and revise your report to reflect the health, safety and climate impacts of adopting the Clean Vehicle Standards. I know you can do better.

Sincerely,
Cindy Shepherd

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