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Mr. Brown,

My name is Matt Holiner and I'm reaching out about the public hearing on clean vehicle standards set to take place on December 2 in front of the Illinois Pollution Control Board. While I will not be able to attend in person, I would like to submit written testimony to be presented to the board.

As a meteorologist, I deal with the consequences of global warming on a daily basis. Extreme weather events are becoming more common and are having a devastating impact on American lives and the economy. We must do everything we can to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to avoid even more extreme weather in the future.

Besides the impact on our climate, greenhouse gas emissions also impact our health and the health of our loved ones. The most populated counties in Illinois are currently receiving failing or near-failing grades for air quality from the American Lung Association. This is unacceptable.

In Illinois, the transportation sector is the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. By increasing the number of electric vehicles available for sale in Illinois and requiring new combustion engines to be cleaner, we can greatly reduce the amount of pollution and planet warming gases coming from vehicles across the state.

I strongly encourage the Pollution Control Board to adopt clean vehicle standards. Many other states have already adopted these standards. Don't let Illinois fall behind. If we lose a healthy environment, the future for life in Illinois and on this planet is bleak. Let's make sure that doesn't happen by reducing greenhouse gas emissions at the source. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Matt Holiner
Meteorologist