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TO: Don Brown, Clerk of Illinois Pollution Control Board

I have lived in Illinois since I was 7 years old, and at my age of 75 that's quite a long time! As a mother, grandmother, Illinois resident, and member of Sierra Club, clean air in this state is among my top priorities. I care about clean air for everyone, but it is especially important to me as the grandmother of a child who has lung problems. My granddaughter was in an Intensive Care Unit for five weeks as a newborn, and was hospitalized twice with pneumonia as a two-year-old. Although her issues are not currently as extreme at the age of four, she still has episodes of upper respiratory problems that impact her quality of life. I also have concerns about my adult children driving to and from work on busy highways and being exposed to pollution on a regular basis. I myself have allergies which often cause severe coughing episodes, and my son-in-law has asthma. I realize we are only one family in Illinois, but I imagine many others have stories to tell about the impact of climate change and pollution on their lives.

Although I feel that Illinois has made substantial progress in promoting policies such as the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, I think there is still more that the state can accomplish.

Illinois is the 7th highest state in the country regarding the most carbon dioxide pollution, with transportation being the largest source of this pollution. The state also has 12 counties within the top 9% of the nation's counties with the worst pollution from diesel engines, with Cook and DuPage being in the top 1%.

In March of this year, adoption of new Federal vehicle emission standards was a move in the right direction, but I am concerned about possible removal or reversal of these standards. I also feel that the request by Sierra Club and others for clean vehicle standards provides an even more robust solution. I am asking that the Board adopt clean air vehicle standards of the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II), Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus (Low NOx [Nitrogen Oxide]) regulations. Other states have successfully adopted more stringent clean vehicle standards and I feel residents of Illinois would benefit from the same action, both now and in future generations. New clean vehicle standards could also provide our state with an opportunity to take a leadership role in climate and health benefits and to provide more jobs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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