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Hello, my name is Jen Packheiser and I live in Oak Park, two blocks from I-290.

Every day of the year I hear large trucks rumbling by on the highway. Even in the winter I can hear the sound of acceleration and braking. Some of these vehicles emit visible pollution from their tailpipes or exhaust pipes.

I also do contract work for a manufacturing company near Midway airport. When I drive my EV there for meetings, I am always surrounded by large, loud trucks transporting goods, including to/from the company I work for. There is a busy park across the street from these factories, as well as a large neighborhood. These neighbors are breathing these fumes every day. There are many such neighborhoods in this state.

Diesel pollution from vehicles affects all of us but especially those living in low income neighborhoods and workers in these areas. The health effects in the short term (coughing, nausea, headaches) lead to long term effects such as asthma attacks, various types of cancer and heart disease. On a smaller scale, the sound a large diesel truck makes can also cause headaches and increased noise levels that interrupt daily life.

We have the opportunity to pass clean vehicle rules that will greatly diminish the use of large diesel vehicles. The time to do this is now!

Let us start this process by adopting the following clean vehicle rules that have already been adopted in many other states:

- Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT)
- Heavy-Duty Omnibus (HDO) Low NOx
- Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII)

TOGETHER, these rules reduce pollutants in the air, bring health benefits to communities living in areas concentrated with diesel pollution, and bring more clean vehicles to the state.

These rules do not call for eliminating gas powered vehicles but will have a positive impact on the folks living the communities that are most affected by this pollution. If we start these rules in 2027, by 2050, **approximately 50% of onroad medium and heavy duty vehicles in Illinois would have zero tailpipe emissions.**

Please do not delay in passing these rules for a healthier, quieter Illinois.

Thank you.

