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Clerk of the Pollution Control Board

Subject: R24-17

My name is Pamela Tate and I live in Oak Park, Illinois. I am asking the Pollution Control Board to eliminate toxic pollution and greenhouse gases from new cars added to our roadways by 2035 by adopting the ACC-II and ACT-HDO rules. This means that by 2035, new cars would have to be zero emissions cars and the only way to do this is for people to buy Battery Electric Vehicles.

I am deeply concerned about the health of our families and our communities, and I am certain that approving ACC-II would put Illinois on a path to 100% new electric vehicle sales by 2035. With vehicles lasting about 12 to 15 years, this means that by 2050, most vehicles would be zero emissions vehicles and therefore would support net-zero.

Advanced clean trucks (ACT) and Heavy-duty Low NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules would phase out fossil fuel-powered trucks and require dramatic reductions in NOx pollution (smog) from new diesel trucks, buses and delivery vans. Since a third of greenhouse gas emissions is coming from our vehicles, these rules are the only way to protect ourselves from further damage to our health and the health of the planet.

We should all be free to breathe clean air. I do not want to continue to follow diesel-powered trucks and buses throughout this region when I am driving on our roadways since I know what it is doing to all species, not just humans. If we want clean air, we need to stop the pollution from the top source of pollution in Illinois: Transportation (33%). The Illinois Pollution Control Board needs to take a strong stand to incrementally require that each year leading to 2035, more zero emissions vehicles are added to the roadways to achieve 100% zero emissions from new cars no later than

2035. And phasing our diesel-powered trucks, buses and delivery vans would go a long way toward reducing pollution and emissions as well.

Please approve ACC-II and ACT/HDO and put Illinois on a healthier path.

Thank you for your consideration.

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