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Dear Mr. Brown & members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

My name is Kenneth Beyer and appreciate you taking time to review my comments regarding air pollution in the State of Illinois.

I am a 43 year old Lake County resident with adult onsite asthma at age 22. I have over 90 hospitalizations in those 21 years since being diagnosed with asthma in which four times I have had to be intubated because of the severity it can become. I have developed cardiac issues now as well because of the years of dealing with chronic breathing issues and its treatments.

The air pollution that Illinois has make me be a less active person because I cannot be active with my seven year old daughter which requires my wife to do everything with her while I stay inside where it is safe. I fear going outside during Air Quality Action days as I know if I am out too long I will probably experience an attack which will put at high risk of putting my asthma into an acute exacerbation and be hospitalized.

We need cleaner vehicles in order to eliminate one of the sources of pollution as cleaner air will help all of us be in better health. Wouldn't it be nice that no matter what none of us would have to worry about being outside and fear that the air we are inhaling might cause us to not to breath? Sad when a seven year old tells you go back inside because she knows you well enough to be out with her. Even waiting with her bus stop can be problematic if there are older diesel buses as this can cause me to start wheezing and need to take rescue medication in hopes it will reverse the symptoms.

Enacting Clean Vehicle Standards would allow Illinois to be a front runner in the nation in protecting its citizens and future generations from air pollution and its harmful effects. This has economics benefits as the jobs it will create and it will reduce burdens on the healthcare systems as well. Plus like me I hopefully would be able to be a more engaged parent.

Thank for taking all these comments into consideration when deciding what is best for a select few or for all Illinoisans.

Respectfully submitted.
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