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To: Don Brown, Clerk of the Illinois Pollution Control Board

RE: R24-17

I am hopeful that Illinois will adopt stronger clean vehicle standards, as the air quality in the metro areas is unacceptable. I write to ask you to get cleaner vehicles on our roads by adopting the Clean Trucks Rule, the Heavy Duty Omnibus Low NOX Rule, and the Advanced Clean Cars II Rule. The Chicago metropolitan area is a hub of the country's transportation network. I live on the southwest side of Chicago's metropolitan area and have been astonished by the number of warehouses and intermodal facilities that have been built. This has meant greatly increased truck traffic and therefore pollution.

I have a vested interest in this issue because I have watched my wonderful nephew grow up with asthma, as well as have 3 good friends. It has been heartbreaking to see people I love struggling to breathe, sometimes gasping for air, and in the case of two of my friends, not survive that struggle.

We cannot fix the effects of the polluted air of the past. However, today we know how polluted air is causing respiratory distress, and we can do something about it. Illinois has adopted groundbreaking efforts and goals for our state's clean energy future. Now it's time to do the same with Illinois transportation. We know how to modify our transportation system to cleaner alternatives and stricter regulations. Illinois needs more zero-transmission trucks and cars and stricter pollution limits on new diesel engines.

I write to implore Pollution Control Board to act on the three clean vehicle rules that would alleviate so much suffering and make life safer for all. It's vitally important to the welfare of Illinois residents for the Board to adopt the Clean Trucks Rule, the Heavy Duty Omnibus Low NOX Rule, and the Advanced Clean Cars II Rule. Help make Illinois a champion of clean transportation!

Sincerely

Lois Lauer

May you live all the days of your life. -- Jonathan Swift