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To: [Brown, Don](#)
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Dear Board Clerk Don Brown,

I am an environmentalist and concerned Illinois resident! Please support the adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards for clean air: the Advanced Clean Trucks, Advanced Clean Cars, and Heavy-Duty Omnibus rules.

Scientific data shows the continued dire need to reduce air pollution and other vehicle emissions that contribute to climate warming emissions from vehicles. Medium and heavy-duty truck emissions are responsible for a third of climate pollution and the majority of toxic air pollution. Such pollution increases the risk of severe respiratory illnesses like asthma and other health problems. I personally feel it when my exercised induced asthma kicks in.

Also, Illinois was ranked fifth in the country with the highest number of deaths from particular matter pollution per capita in 2023. This particularly impacts the health of communities located near logistics facilities. Adopting these standards will help Mitigate the fact that Illinois is only at 10 percent of its goal of one million electric vehicles on the road by 2030.

With the Advanced Clean Cars rule Illinois could receive up to 178 billion dollars in health economic and environmental benefits through 2050.

The Advanced Clean Trucks rule would require manufacturers to gradually increase their production of electric trucks, with four years of lead time before the standards are implemented to prepare. Electric trucks today are already capable of supporting the majority of freight, delivery, and transit uses. By 2027 battery-electric trucks will be cost comparative with diesel over the lifetime of the vehicles, and they already have significant fuel and maintenance savings.

Transportation is the largest source of climate warming emissions in Illinois. The science shows that these state standards would save lives and benefit our state, putting our state on track to meeting our climate goals and taking an important step towards making sure that all Illinois communities have clean air to breathe.

I ask you to vote in favor of Illinois adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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