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March 14, 2025

To: Don Brown, Clerk IL Pollution Control Board

From: Heather Fitzgerald, Manager Government Relations CITGO Petroleum Corporation

Re: R24-17

Mr. Brown and the IL Pollution Control Board Members:

On behalf of CITGO Petroleum Corporation and the Lemont Refinery, we are writing to express our strong opposition to the proposed regulations, including the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II), Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT), and Low-Nitrogen Oxides Omnibus (Low NOx) rules. While we understand the intent behind these regulations is to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, we believe they will have several negative impacts on our industry and the broader Illinois and regional economy.

Firstly, the adoption of these regulations will result in significant revenue losses for the oil and refinery industry, which plays a crucial role in Illinois' economy. The shift towards electric vehicles (EVs) will also necessitate substantial investments in renewable energy sources, which may not be feasible on Illinois' grid or even regionally.

Secondly, the proposed regulations will create economic challenges. The reduction in fossil fuel consumption will lead to job losses and decreased economic activity in Illinois and will have a ripple effect on other sectors of the economy, leading to further economic instability.

Moreover, the market dynamics will shift as the demand for EVs increases. Companies involved in the production and distribution of fossil fuels will need to adapt to the changing landscape by investing in alternative energy sources and technologies. This transition may be costly and time-consuming, potentially leading to further economic disruptions.

While we acknowledge the importance of addressing climate change and improving air quality, we believe that the proposed regulations are too stringent and will have far-reaching negative consequences for Illinois consumers. I urge you to consider alternative approaches that balance environmental goals with economic stability. CITGO Petroleum Corporation and the Lemont Refinery look forward to being part of this future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Sincerely,

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