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Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am writing as an Illinois resident and student to express my disappointment in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's recent comments opposing the adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards.

These comments not only fail to recognize the urgent health and climate benefits of these standards, but they also ignore the voices of the hundreds of community members who have submitted heartfelt comments in support of these rules. As someone who cares deeply about the air we breathe and the future we are leaving for the next generation, I urge the Pollution Control Board to look past the objections of polluting industries and listen to the public.

The Illinois EPA's decision to oppose these standards sends the wrong message and fails to represent the many people who showed up at hearings, wrote comments, and shared their stories of how pollution impacts their health and communities. I was moved by stories shared by individuals living with chronic respiratory illnesses who spoke about how even small improvements in air quality could make a huge difference in their day-to-day lives.

Illinois deserves cleaner air, good green jobs, and a safer climate future. Please adopt the Clean Vehicle Standards and show that public health and environmental justice matter more than protecting polluters.

Sincerely,  
Sophia Beem