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Dear Don Brown,

Please docket this email as a public comment for R2024-017 in the Matter of Proposed Clean Car and Truck Standards: Proposed Section 35 III. Admin Code 242.

My name is Melanie Minuche and my public comment is in response to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's filed statement. The IEPA's comments largely ignore the public health and social impacts of communities living in close proximity to truck and freight traffic. Although IEPA mentioned their perceived understanding of the economic impact of adopting these standards, the agency failed to recognize and address the direct impacts that diesel and motor engine pollution has on public health. Economic impact cannot and should not only center business, but should also account for the cost of medical care and expenses families are forced to seek out when treating respiratory illness. Numerous studies have shown the detrimental impacts of chronic exposure to diesel pollution which can worsen asthma symptoms and exacerbate respiratory illness for truck drivers and local communities. Accessing adequate care and treatment for respiratory illness remains a barrier for many, particularly low-income families that may not have access to the healthcare system. As a person with young children and elders in my family who live near highways and large concentrations of truck traffic, I am constantly worried about the impact that diesel pollution has on their health on top of their ability to access medical care.

The Pollution Control Board is positioned to create meaningful change to address the impacts of mobile source air pollution by adopting the clean car and truck standards in Illinois. Many individuals in impacted communities across the state are in support of this adoption. In fact, dozens of people attended both hearings in December and March to show the magnitude of support in favor of the adoption of the standards. I urge the Pollution Control Board to listen to the communities present at both hearings, and to use its powers to move forward with the adoption of the clean car and truck standards in Illinois.

Best,

Melanie Minuche