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Hi Don Brown,

My name is Pratigyan Bhusal, and I am a member of the Illinois Commission on Environmental Justice and an environmental justice organizer working in Southern Illinois. I am here today to strongly support the adoption of the Advanced Clean Trucks and Advanced Clean Cars II rules in Illinois. Growing up in and now working with communities impacted by air pollution, I have witnessed the harmful effects of vehicle emissions on public health and the environment. Families in our state, particularly in underserved and frontline communities near highways and industrial areas, are disproportionately exposed to respiratory issues like asthma and other chronic conditions caused by poor air quality. These health burdens are not just statistics—they're personal stories of children missing school, parents missing work, and communities struggling to breathe.

The time to act is now. Illinois has an incredible opportunity to lead the Midwest in adopting these standards, reducing harmful diesel and carbon emissions, and accelerating our transition to clean transportation. These rules will not only improve air quality and public health but also create economic benefits by fostering clean energy jobs and reducing fuel costs for residents. I urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to prioritize the health of our communities and the future of our climate by adopting these clean vehicle standards. Together, we can ensure cleaner air, healthier families, and a more sustainable future for Illinois.

Best,

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