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I live in a Chicago neighborhood with a lot of trees, which helps with local air quality - yet I often smell diesel exhaust from vehicles too far away to see and hear. This effect is much worse in most of Chicago which doesn't have as many trees and other plantings. The emissions from diesel engines have been shown to increase rates of heart disease, bladder cancer and diseases of the lungs including cancer.

On cloudless days the pollution from vehicle emissions is visible as brown sky near the horizon - I recall how the sky was blue at the horizons during the time of Covid-19 lockdown in 2020, and I could smell the difference in the air.

I urge Illinois to adopt the Advanced Clean Trucks rule to promote zero-emission vehicles on our roads, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Rule to reduce nitrogen-oxygen emissions from new diesel vehicles, and the Advanced Clean Cars II program to encourage sales of zero-emission passenger vehicles. These measures will improve the health and safety of Illinoisians.