

From: [Sarah Fredericks](#)
To: [Brown, Don](#)
Subject: [External] please adopt Clean Vehicle Standards!
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Dear Mr. Brown,

I write to you as a resident of Chicago and a citizen of the United States. I am a person who, like everyone, breathes air. I am also a scholar of environmental ethics including climate ethics at the University of Chicago (though this email is from me and does not represent the position of the University).

As a person who cares about the dignity and health of all people and as someone who does research on the ethics of human caused environmental degradation including climate change, I am particularly concerned with the pollution of gas powered vehicles. Burning fossil fuels contributes to air pollution which harms human health. Burning fossil fuels also adds greenhouse gasses to our atmosphere which causes climate change. Both air pollution and climate change are disproportionately experienced by people who have few economic resources to deal with these problems. Additionally, the health risks are more severe on people who already suffer from ill health.

I am one of these latter people - I have asthma, and on days with bad air quality I have a hard time breathing.

Stronger standards for our vehicles will help reduce these problems for me and for millions of other people not only in Illinois but also those downwind of us and also those around the world who feel the effects of climate change.

Please support the Clean Vehicle Standards being considered by the Illinois Pollution Control Board!

Sincerely,
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