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## Dear Board Clerk Don Brown,

This is a rebuttal comment in response to the comment submitted by the Illinois Environmental Pollution Agency (EPA) in the Clean Vehicle Standards rulemaking.

As an Illinois resident, I am extremely disappointed that the Illinois EPA is opposing the adoption of Clean Vehicle Standards. Not only does this ignore the science and the data behind these state standards, it completely disregards the testimony of hundreds of community members who have shared why and how these rules would make their lives and their health better. People are not being valued; profit is.

I commute to work via bike in order to reduce my carbon footprint and to get some exercise in the process, but I have become increasingly concerned about the quality of air that I am breathing in along the way, as I pass by numerous large trucks that are clearly polluting the air. Transportation is the largest source of climate warming emissions in Illinois, and hundreds of lives are lost every year to health impacts from diesel pollution. I do not want to be one of those lives lost due to something that is in your power to prevent. The science shows that these new state standards would save lives, putting our state on track to meeting our climate goals and taking an important step towards making sure that all Illinois communities have clean air to breathe.

The Illinois EPA's opposition to the rule is a violation of its mission "to safeguard environmental quality, consistent with the social and economic needs of the State of Illinois, so as to protect health, welfare, property, and the quality of life" and "dedication to continued protection of the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the land we live on."

I ask that you support the adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards for clean air: Advanced Clean Trucks, Advanced Clean Cars, and Heavy-Duty Omnibus rules.

As state decision makers in a time when climate and public health are under attack from the federal government, we need the Illinois Pollution Control Board to use its power to adopt the Clean Vehicle Standards for the good of Illinois. Please listen to the science and vote in favor of adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Melissa Lin Chicago, IL linmelis95@gmail.com