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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.

Having spent time apartment hunting in Chicago, air pollution was clear on my mind seeing the diesel fumes waft from the highways next to neighborhoods. It is unacceptable that giving a solution that would improve the health of many, we would choose instead to prioritize the short-term profits of the few.

Longer term as well, we need to hasten our adoption to the future, government has always been a key in adoption of new technologies and infrastructure. As Eisenhower built the interstate highways that allowed our auto industry to flourish, we also must push bills to allow the next technology: zero emission vehicles to flourish. Imagine wanting to build highways back in 1956 and getting told the horse-industry lobby wants to keep technology stagnant. That is what this feels like today.

As an Illinois resident, I am disappointed that the Illinois EPA chose to oppose adoption of Clean Vehicle Standards, ignoring the science behind these state standards and the testimony of the hundreds of community members, including businesses and people with respiratory health challenges, who shared why and how these rules would make their lives better.

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 decisionmakers in a time when climate and public health are under attack, we need the Illinois Pollution Control Board to use its power to adopt the Clean Vehicle Standards for the good of Illinois. Please vote in favor of adoption of the Clean Vehicle Standards. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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. The science shows that these state standards would save lives and benefit our state, 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.

Sincerely,
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