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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 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.

The Illinois EPA's opposition to the rule does not reflect 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 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. Having worked in the public health sector, I know the toll that pollution takes on the health and wellbeing of our communities. Those who live near rail hubs and freight corridors are disproportionately impacted. In Illinois, people of color are exposed to higher levels of diesel particulate matter pollution than the state average. But ultimately, everyone suffers. In 2023, Illinois ranked fifth in the country with the highest number of deaths from diesel particulate matter pollution per capita. 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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