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Dear Members of the Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I'm writing in direct response to the comments submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency opposing the adoption of Clean Vehicle Standards in Illinois.

As an Illinois resident who owns two clean vehicles, I was extremely disappointed to see that the Illinois EPA failed to acknowledge the voices of hundreds of community members who support these standards.

I live next to a very busy street, and the air pollution from traffic is something I experience every single day. I chose to drive clean vehicles because I care about my impact on the environment, but also because I want to breathe cleaner air in my own neighborhood. These rules would help reduce tailpipe emissions across the state—bringing relief not just to me, but to countless others living near congested roadways.

The Illinois EPA's decision to side with polluters rather than the public is both disheartening and dangerous. Clean Vehicle Standards would reduce climate pollution, protect public health, and help create clean energy jobs in our state. Studies like the State of the Air report from the American Lung Association show the urgent need to reduce vehicle emissions, especially for vulnerable groups like children, seniors, and people with asthma or other respiratory illnesses.

I urge the Pollution Control Board to stand with the public—not the polluters. Please listen to the hundreds of residents who have engaged in this process and adopt the Clean Vehicle Standards for Illinois.

Sincerely,
Wendy Vernon